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"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations. Spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes."

THE true and final home of the Church is in heaven. In this world she is but a pilgrim and a stranger; in heaven alone is her permanent abode, her abiding city. Here is her night of toil, there her day of endless repose. Here is her place of prayer, there her place of praise. Here is the scene of her conflicts and self-denials, there of her triumphs and enjoyments. Here, in a word, she sojourns as a stranger in a strange country, dwelling by faith in a temporal abode; there her pilgrimage will terminate, and she will take up her everlasting residence in those mansions, which Christ has gone to prepare for her and her children.

The passage before us evidently contemplates the Church in her earthly position and probationary state—her habitation the temporary tent of a pilgrim, and her condition that of a sojourner having an important mission to perform, ere she passes on to her celestial home. The figurative representation of the prophet is as true to the reality, as it is beautiful in conception. My purpose, however, is not to dwell upon that part of it, which implies the transitory condition of the Church on earth; suffice it to say, that of the multitudes who have composed her visible organization, since her tent was first pitched among men, all, of every age and generation except the present, have passed away to their permanent abode in eternity.

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Her venerable patriarchs, her inspired prophets and apostles, her martyrs, her missionaries, her ministers, and her millions of members, however distinguished for their piety and usefulness, have all fulfilled their mission, struck their tents, and passed onward and upward to the Church triumphant. Thus will it continue to be, until the Church, having accomplished her mission, shall exchange her tabernacle on earth for "her house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Temporary, however, as the continuance of the Church on earth is, she has an important mission to fulfill, and she is *immortal*, even here in her transitory state, until it shall have been completed. The passage before us not only takes this for granted, but clearly indicates the great object of her mission. It may be regarded as a prophetic summons of her ministry and her laity to the work of *Church Extension* — not the extension of the church of Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, but of Christ — not the diffusion of mere sectarianism, but of the privileges, the principles, the spirit, and the salvation of the Gospel. That it evidently had reference to this kind of Church extension under the Christian dispensation, may be inferred from the connection in which we find the passage. The prophet, having described the sufferings and the death of Christ, with all the minuteness and holy pathos of an eye-witness, and having predicted that Christ "should see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied," immediately seems to have caught a vision of the success, which would attend the Gospel under the Christian dispensation. Fired with the vision, in the name of Jehovah, he calls upon the Church "to enlarge the place of her tent, and let the canopy of her habitations be extended; to spare not, but lengthen her cords and strengthen her stakes."

That we have not misapplied this animating passage, is evident also from the fact, that until the commencement of the Christian dispensation the Church cannot be said to have engaged in the enterprise of extending her privileges, her principles, and her sanctifying influence, upon anything like the enlarged scale of the Gospel. Then, however, for the first

time, the Church began to obey the prophetic summons before us, in some degree according to its true import. From that time it has possessed a meaning which the Church had not before apprehended. Then, also, and during the apostolic age, was there an example set of what is meant by *Church Extension*, in its true, evangelical import. And as this is the grand object of the Society on whose anniversary we are now met, and as we have fallen upon times when much is said and written upon the subject, a brief glance at the *Apostolic Method of Church Extension* may not be inappropriate either to the times, or the occasion.

When I speak of the apostolic method of Church extension, I do not refer to it as a mode of their own devising, but as having been prescribed by the Great Head of the Church himself, and sanctioned by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Abating, therefore, what was manifestly peculiar to the circumstances in which they engaged in the enterprise in question, and dwelling upon that which was evidently intended to be permanent, I speak of the course of the apostles with the more confidence, as designed for the imitation of their successors to the end of time.

Perhaps I cannot better illustrate what I mean by the apostolic method of Church extension, in the sense in which I propose to consider it at this time, than by a brief allusion to the scenes of Pentecost and the lessons, which they were evidently designed to impart to the Church in subsequent times.

The scenes alluded to take us back to the morning of the Christian dispensation. It is a morning of anxiety, and yet of hope. The night, which for a time gathered about the cross and the tomb of our Saviour, has just passed, and he has gone up to the Mediatorial throne. In obedience to his command, and in reliance upon his promise of another Comforter, a little band of his disciples are waiting in Jerusalem for his coming. Daily do they gather to the place of prayer, supplicating his presence and blessing. The Jewish Pentecost at length dawns. And while the Israelites are celebrating their festival, the dis-



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ciples, true to their Lord's command, are assembled in their wonted place of prayer, earnestly pleading the redemption of his promise. "Suddenly there comes a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and fills all the house where they are sitting." The promise of Christ is verified, and the disciples are filled with the Holy Ghost, and endowed with the miraculous power of speaking to those around them in foreign languages and dialects, as the Spirit gave them utterance. The report of it is soon spread through the city, a general interest is aroused, and multitudes just before indifferent, if not filled with scorn, towards the little group of praying disciples, now throng their place of meeting. And though the assembly is composed of those speaking divers languages and dialects, yet each to his amazement hears the Gospel from the lips of the apostles in his own tongue. Astonished at what they hear, some ask in doubt and perhaps in sincerity, the import of all this. Others, in infidel scorn, pronounce it a drunken revel of the disciples. Roused by the scandalous charge, filled with solicitude for the honor of God and the salvation of those around him, and fearless too of all opposition, the bold and ardent Peter stands up in defence of himself and his fellow-disciples, and in vindication of the honor of his Lord and master. And though deeply moved, and naturally most excitable, yet, as an example to his successors, he addresses those around him in the calm, courteous, respectful, yet firm and undaunted dignity of truth.

Having triumphantly refuted the charge of intoxication, he proceeds to speak of the true cause of the wonderful phenomenon before them. He assures them, that the scene before them, so far from being the result of human origin, is eminently the effect of the special presence of the Holy Spirit — a fulfillment indeed of what had been predicted by their own prophets, as one grand characteristic of the last days or times of the Messiah. He assures them, moreover, that what they now behold is but the fulfillment of the promise which Christ made to his disciples, that he would send them another Comforter, when he should depart. He assures them, also, that notwith-


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standing their desperate and wicked attempts to destroy him, Christ is still living. That He whom they crucified is now at the right hand of God, and is shedding forth those influences of the Spirit which they now see and hear; and so giving another infallible proof of his Messiahship, and of their exceeding guilt in crucifying him.

This plain discourse of the apostle was powerful and pungent, because the utterance of truth. Armed with the energy of the Spirit, its result in the extension of the Church was most happy. The doubting and the scornful are alike silenced by the overwhelming evidence of a special divine presence. Convicted of sin, filled with shame and sorrow in remembrance of their murderous treatment of Christ, who they now see was the true Messiah, and trembling at the thought of meeting him in judgment, multitudes press around the apostles, exclaiming, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" The hand that hath wounded them gladly points to the remedy. "Repent," exclaims the apostle, "and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." The word is obeyed, and multitudes renounce their pride and prejudice against Jesus of Nazareth, truly repent of their rejection and crucifixion of him, and openly take their stand with his followers. And the little Church, just now so small and despised, obeys the prophetic summons of our text, and enlarges the place of her tent, extends the canopy of her habitation, spares not, but lengthens her cords and strengthens her stakes.

Within her pavilion thus expanded, thousands, that same day, unite their hearts, their influence and their destiny with hers.

And although they were converted so suddenly, and so immediately professed their faith in Christ, yet the sacred historian tells us, that they continued steadfast in their Christian course, and brought forth fruits meet for repentance. It is truly delightful indeed, to mark the results of their conversion to Christ, as they were manifested day after day in the devotional exercises of these converts, in their love to Christ and his

cause, in their regard for their spiritual teachers, in their love to all the followers of Jesus, in their willingness to sacrifice their earthly goods for the common benefit of their destitute brethren, in their constant attendance upon the means of grace, in the gladness and single heartedness of their social intercourse, in their sacred songs of praise, and in the holy and consistent examples of Christian piety which they exhibited to all around them, and by which they commended to all the excellence and the power of the religion of Christ. No wonder that all opposition was silenced, and that the multitude who witnessed these tokens of the Divine presence and their results, were rapt in sacred awe. No wonder that the disciples, thus exhibiting the true spirit of the Gospel, should have won the favor of all the people, and constrained even the most skeptical to confess the superiority of the Christian religion. The smile of heaven rested upon them, "and the Lord added to the Church daily, such as should be saved." We may not dwell, however, upon the deeply interesting scene before us. It is as instructive as it is engaging. It was evidently left on sacred record for our learning. The position which it occupies, at the very commencement of the Christian dispensation, claims for it the prayerful study of the Church in every subsequent age. From the prominence given to it in that economy, which stands connected with the conversion of the world to Christ, it seems designed to characterize that economy, and to stand as an exponent of the chief method, by which its consummation is to be attained. The spiritual lessons therefore which it suggests cannot well be over-estimated.

*One point* which it obviously settles is *the fact of the special presence of the Holy Spirit with the Church at one time more than another*. In other words, while the Holy Spirit is ever with the true Church of Christ, in the employment of appropriate means for her extension, there are times when he manifests his presence and power in a special manner. It was evidently so on the day of Pentecost. What but this were the disciples waiting and praying for up to that day? This was

the promised aid for which Christ told them to wait. And if now we look at facts a moment, who can doubt whether the Holy Spirit was more specially present with the Church on the day of Pentecost, than on any previous day since the Ascension of the Saviour?—saying nothing of the miraculous tokens of his presence which were peculiar to that occasion. Mark the effect of Peter's discourse. Who were his hearers? Were they likely to become the followers of Christ by any mere human persuasion, and especially by the utterance of truths so at war with their pride and prejudice as those addressed to them by Peter? Could they be easily brought to confess that they had crucified their Messiah, and readily be induced to become the followers of the despised Nazarene? On the contrary, uninfluenced by the Holy Spirit, they would have gone away in a rage, or perhaps have laid violent hands upon the disturber of their peace. Moved however by a divine energy, they yielded to the truth, renounced their prejudices, repented of their sins, and became the devoted followers of Jesus. Was there not something more than human power to convert them? Was there not something more than an ordinary manifestation of divine influence? The facts in the case can be accounted for on no other principle. The entire teaching of the scriptures responds an affirmative, and the history of every genuine conversion confirms it.

*Another important truth taught by the glorious revival of religion, which marked the outset of the Christian dispensation, is, that the Church is to extend her influence and her triumphs under God by similar means, until her conquest of the world for Christ is complete.* Not a few have doubted this statement. Even some who admit that there was a special manifestation of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost, yet doubt whether this principal feature in the apostolic method of Church extension was designed by God to be perpetuated. It is a point of great practical moment. If it is not so, then to expect it and pray for it are alike vain. But if it is the economy of God, then should the special presence of the Spirit be earnestly sought as the

grand and essential *desideratum* in the work of converting the world. The question is not, whether religion shall become a periodical affair in the Church; for Christians are exhorted "always to abound in the work of the Lord." Nor is it, whether the Church may not grow in grace, and sinners be converted to God, under the ordinary use of the means of grace; for this is not doubted. But the question is, whether constituted as we are, it is not the Divine arrangement to employ similar manifestations of the Spirit's presence and power to those experienced on the day of Pentecost, for the more rapid and efficient progress of the kingdom of Christ on earth? Our limits of course forbid a thorough discussion here. We may glance, however, at a few facts in reply. Let us look a moment, then, first at the *original promises* with reference to such seasons of special religious interest. Do they limit them to the day of Pentecost? Take the promise of God by Joel, which the apostle Peter quoted at that time, to show that God had encouraged his Church to expect such seasons of spiritual refreshing—"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh." That this promise referred to the special manifestation of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost, the apostle renders certain by quoting it as then and there fulfilled. It is equally certain that the "last days" refers to the times of the Gospel, because the apostle applies the expression to that glorious beginning of these times. Was it limited, however, to that period, or did it refer to the entire Christian dispensation? Except the miraculous influences of that period, it evidently referred to the entire Christian economy. This might be argued from the fact, that the chief exigences of the Church which demanded the promise and its fulfillment at the outset of the Christian dispensation, have been the same in every age. The work of converting the soul, of constituting men new creatures in Christ Jesus, ever has been, and ever will be, the same. A work just as impossible to mere human effort, as the creation of a world, and therefore essentially dependent upon the energy of the Holy Spirit for its beginning and completion. Look also



at the promise of Christ himself to his Church, when about to leave the world. "If I go away I will send another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever." He told his disciples, moreover, not to go forth to the work of extending his kingdom, until they should receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. An injunction not of arbitrary import, but growing out of the very necessity of the case. The work which they were commissioned to do, could not be effected without the special presence of the Holy Spirit. That the presence of the Holy Spirit here promised was not limited to the day of Pentecost, but was designed to be a permanent gift to the Church, Christ made certain by declaring, that the Spirit whom he would send should abide with her forever. It is pertinent to ask also, why our Saviour chose to commence the work of extending his Church by such a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as that on the day of Pentecost? He might have chosen a method less public, less exciting, and more gradual. The fact that he did not, that he distinguished the very outset of the Christian dispensation by such a revival of religion, implies at least his purpose to advance his cause by similar seasons of special religious interest. Mark the prominence, moreover, given to such seasons in the propagation of the Gospel during the first century of the Christian era. The glorious history of that period is but a continuous record of successive revivals of religion. And when was Church extension, in its true, evangelical import, ever so successful and glorious? And if now we look at the history of the evangelical Church since, we find its true progress everywhere and at all times most intimately connected with, and dependent upon, those seasons of special religious interest to which we allude. It was so essentially in the Reformation in the 16th century. It was so in the progress of the Gospel in the 17th century under the Puritans of England, and in the 18th century under the labors of Wesley, Whitfield, Edwards, Bellamy and the Tennents.

And let any one candidly compare most of those seasons of special religious interest, which have occurred since the com-

mencement of the 19th century, both in this country and in the Sandwich Islands, in India, Turkey, and Persia, with those which occurred during the apostolic age, and he cannot but be struck with the similarity between the truths preached, the special presence of the Spirit manifested, and the glorious results attained. In what circumstances, moreover, have most of our evangelical ministers and missionaries been converted to Christ? Has it not been in connection with genuine revivals of religion? How many members of our Churches also, and some of the best too, have become the followers of Christ in similar seasons of the Spirit's special presence and power! How many churches indeed owe their very existence and continuance under God to similar seasons of religious interest. Could the venerable and now sainted pioneer of missionary efforts and of Church extension in this Commonwealth appear among us to-day, as was his wont for nearly forty years, what would be his testimony upon this point? What *is* the testimony indeed, which his valuable memoir recently put into our hands bears on almost every page? Of numerous Churches, with whose organization he was more or less intimately connected, how many had their youth, and have attained a vigorous manhood, through the influence of revivals of religion. Who that reads his life, and marks the wide spread destitutions and other difficulties with which he had to contend in planting Churches through the State, and strengthening those feeble ones already in existence, during the early period of his missionary career, is not struck with his success? Who is not equally struck with the fact also, that the great secret of his success, was the fidelity and constancy with which he adopted that feature of the apostolic method of Church extension which we have contemplated? Oh! could his mantle in this respect have fallen more amply and fittingly upon us his juniors, how different, my brethren, would have been the spiritual aspect of our Zion on this forty-sixth anniversary of our Missionary Association!

The train of remark in which we have thus far indulged.

suggests, and urges upon our practical regard, *one obvious and important inference*, as applied to the occasion before us, viz: *That the great want of the Maine Missionary Society, is a more thorough adoption for the year to come, of the apostolic method of Church extension, by all the ministers, missionaries, and Churches here represented.*

I do not say that there are not collateral and subsidiary wants, which must be met. There is wanted a deeper and more active sympathy with the great object at which this Society is aiming. The Churches need to realize more fully their obligations to aid in the promotion of this object. More missions are needed. "The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few." Our missionaries need a more competent and prompt support. A greatly enlarged liberality, on the part of those able to contribute to this end, must prevail. Weak Churches need to be strengthened, so as to be able as far as possible to sustain a stated ministry among themselves. Moral wastes, where no Churches are established, need to be reclaimed from their spiritual desolation, by planting the Church and the ministry among them. Now whatever human instrumentality can do in meeting these wants, should be put forth.

But the great want of all, is a genuine, all-pervading revival of religion in *all* our Churches, the weak and the strong. All others are met, if this be met. Let the Spirit be poured out upon our Churches, and how soon would a tide of sympathy for the destitute be created, which would know no ebbing, until the peculiar mission of this Society should be accomplished. How soon should we be prepared to strike hands with our *elder sister*, and go forth, unimpeded by our home work, to the conversion of the world! Let the Spirit be poured out, and how many young men, now contemplating other callings, would be so quickened in piety, that as oft as the divine inquiry should arise, "Who will go for us?" they would respond, "Here are we; send us." And how many more, now living for the world, would be converted to Christ, and henceforth consecrate themselves to him and his Church. Let the Spirit be poured out, and how soon would worldliness



and avarice, mastered by the love of Jesus, relax their grasp, and the moral ability of the Church keep pace with her pecuniary means, until the treasury of the Lord should be full to overflowing. And how soon, too, would our missionaries, *relieved* of all pecuniary embarrassment, “renew their strength, mount up on wings as eagles, run and not be weary, walk and not faint.” Let the Spirit be poured out upon our *feeble* Churches, and how soon would they receive accessions, which would enable them to sustain themselves with little or no foreign aid. Let the Spirit be poured out upon those toiling amid moral wastes, where no Churches are established, and how soon would Churches be gathered there, the ministry sustained, and “the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose.” Brethren, are these things so? Then what remains, but that we *act* as though we *believed* them, and go forth, *resolved* in the strength of God to meet the great emergency of our Zion. What remains, but that each pastor, missionary and layman go down from these heights of our Jerusalem, resolved to labor and to pray for the out-pouring of the Spirit, until the scenes of Pentecost shall be as numerous as our Churches, until converts to Christ be multiplied as the drops of the morning, and the fruits of the Spirit be everywhere seen in the revival and development of apostolic piety—apostolic simplicity in preaching Christ and him crucified—apostolic oneness with him and consecration of all to him—apostolic sympathy with the destitute—apostolic self-denial and liberality in meeting their spiritual wants—and apostolic earnestness and activity in the one, grand, evangelical enterprise of enthroning the Lord Jesus Christ in the hearts of a redeemed world. Yea, brethren, as our Saviour bade the apostles “tarry in Jerusalem, until they should be endowed with power from on high;” so methinks he addresses us to-day, saying, “Go not forth to the extension of my Church, until ye receive a *special* baptism of the Holy Ghost.” And as we would be successful in our work, let us not disregard our Master’s injunction. Let us unitedly and earnestly seek a Pentecostal refreshing from on high, even during

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our present assembling. Let us pray that the fruits of the Spirit may henceforth abound in us to the glory of our ascended Saviour, and the advancement of his cause. May they breathe in our prayers, characterize our deliberations, and develop themselves in a liberality commensurate with the ability which God hath given, and bearing some *little* proportion to the infinite debt which we owe to Him, who gave *Himself* for us.

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## ANNUAL REPORT.

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ON this forty-sixth anniversary of the Maine Missionary Society, the Trustees rejoice in the opportunity of meeting its patrons and friends, and of rendering an account of what has been done, in fulfillment of their trust, during the past year. Though it has not been a year of signal success, we shall find cause, upon reviewing its history, thankfully to acknowledge that the hand of our God has been upon us for good; so that our prayers and donations, our cares and labors, in behalf of Home Missions in Maine, have not been in vain in the Lord.

The usual details will now be given.

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NOTE. — When an \* is annexed in the following table to Contributions for Home Missions, it signifies, that although not included in the Treasurer's accounts for the last year, the expectation was, that they would have been.

## TABULAR VIEW.

| Churches and Missionaries.                                                                            | Date of Commission.                              | Length of commission. | Dollars appropriated. | Average congregation. | Church members.       | Added by profession. | Added by letter. | Hopeful conversions. | Contributions for Home Missions. | For other objects. |
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| 1. ACTON.<br>Rev. Wm. Pierce, <i>s. s.</i>                                                            | June 25, 1852.                                   | 12m                   | 50                    | 130                   | 65                    | 3                    |                  | 1                    |                                  |                    |
| 2. ALBION.<br>Mr. Talmon C. Perry.                                                                    | Jan. 25, 1853.                                   | 1½                    | 21                    | 50                    | 21                    |                      |                  |                      |                                  |                    |
| 3. ALEXANDER.<br>COOPER.<br>Rev. Chas. W. Richardson.<br>Mr. Chas. H. Emerson.                        | Aug. 26, 1852.<br>May 25, 1853.                  | 4½<br>6               | 40<br>91              | 100<br>100            | no<br>ch.<br>14       |                      |                  | 3                    |                                  |                    |
| 4. ALNA.<br>Rev. Samuel Talbot, <i>P.</i>                                                             | June 25, 1852.                                   | 12                    | 100                   | 125                   | 90                    | 5                    |                  | 4                    | 21                               |                    |
| 5. ANDOVER and vicinity.<br>Rev. Mark Gould, <i>P.</i>                                                | June 25, 1852.                                   | 12                    | 126                   | 125                   | 42                    |                      | 2                | 4                    | *22                              | 17 40              |
| 6. BELFAST, North.<br>Rev. J. R. Munsell, <i>P.</i>                                                   | June 25, 1852.                                   | 12                    | 200                   | 175                   | 51                    | 8                    |                  | 3                    | 25                               | 12                 |
| 7. BENTON.<br>FAIRFIELD.<br>Mr. Stephen R. Dennen.<br>Rev. Geo. F. Tewksbury.<br>Mr. James M. Palmer. | Aug. 26, 1852.<br>Oct. 20, 1852.<br>April, 1853. | 2<br>6<br>1           | 56<br>108 50          | 100<br>150            | 17<br>14              | 3                    | 4                | 2                    | 7 76                             |                    |
| 8. BINGHAM.<br>SOLON VILLAGE.<br>Rev. Sidney Turner, <i>s. s.</i>                                     | June 25, 1852.                                   | 12                    | 126                   | 120<br>110            | 90<br>13              | 2<br>1               |                  | 1<br>1               | 7<br>3                           | 7                  |
| 9. BLANCHARD.<br><br>GREENVILLE.<br>SANDERVILLE.<br>Rev. John A. Perry, <i>s. s.</i>                  | June 25, 1852.                                   | 12                    | 182                   | 75<br>50              | 55<br>no<br>ch.<br>25 |                      |                  |                      | 8<br>*7 60                       | 15                 |
| 10. BRADFORD.<br>KENDUSKEAG,<br>(Formerly Levant.)<br>Mr. Solomon E. Bixby, <i>s. s.</i>              | Aug. 26, 1852.                                   | 12                    | 182                   | 85<br>161             | 26<br>54              | 1<br>7               |                  | 7<br>15              | *20<br>*37                       | 3<br>15            |
| 11. BRISTOL.<br>Rev. Charles Morgridge, <i>s. s.</i>                                                  | June 25, 1852.                                   | 12                    | 75                    |                       | 59                    |                      |                  |                      | *19 41                           |                    |
| 12. BROOKSVILLE, West.<br>Rev. Josiah G. Merrill, <i>P.</i>                                           | June 25, 1852.                                   | 3½                    | 29                    |                       | 50                    |                      |                  |                      |                                  |                    |
| 13. BROOKSVILLE, East.<br>Rev. Manning Ellis, <i>s. s.</i>                                            | June 25, 1852.                                   | 12                    | 59                    | 75                    | 46                    |                      |                  |                      | 4                                |                    |

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## REMARKS.

1. "A decided increase in our Sabbath congregation—prayer meetings better attended—many inquiring the way to Zion—our Sabbath School is prosperous." Mr. Pierce has been supplying (of late) one half the time at Shapleigh.

2. The Congregational interest in this place is exceedingly feeble. For several years past they have had very little preaching. Should opportunity offer, they would make an effort to obtain it one fourth of the time.

3. "The moral aspect of this field is greatly improved."—"The people are respectful and attentive to preaching, though there is no special religious interest. There are many well informed and intelligent persons in both places. I regard it as a promising field for missionary labor."

4. "The great and growing reluctance of this Society to ask missionary aid encourages the belief, that the period is not far distant, when a kind and gracious Providence will free us from the necessity of being thus burdensome to you."

5. There are five Sabbath Schools, superintended by members of this Church, and all of them have furnished themselves this spring with new libraries. Several young people have recently shown an "awakened interest," and some of them, it is believed, "have obtained the pearl of great price."—Mr. Gould has no ministering brother to assist him, of any denomination, nearer than 13 miles; none of his own short of 20. Nine Sabbaths during the year have been spent in destitute places in the vicinity.

6. Nothing reported of special interest. Mr. Munsell has been installed during the past year.

7. "At Benton, not only business matters, but the interests of religion, are assuming a brighter aspect.—The village at Kendall's Mills (Fairfield) is a very hopeful and promising field of missionary labor. Public sentiment in that community is favorable to Congregational institutions," and the indications of Providence are such as clearly to show that the time has come (for one half of the time at least) to occupy the ground.—Mr. Palmer's services have been highly acceptable, and the hope is entertained that after the close of his studies in Bangor (in August next) he will stately and permanently supply them.

8. Some circumstances are reported which indicate improvement.—Mr. Turner has spent one fourth of the time in other destitute places, besides Bingham and Solon.

9 During the last 6 months Mr. Perry has divided his labors between Greenville (at the foot of Mooshead Lake) and Blanchard.

10. During the latter part of the winter and spring, it pleased God to visit Kenduskeag by his Spirit. About 40 persons were hopefully converted. Seven have joined the Congregational Church, and 12 stand propounded.—At Bradford there has been a larger attendance on public worship than ever before. One has been admitted to the Church, and 6 have been propounded. Mr. Bixby is expecting soon to be ordained as pastor of the Church in Kenduskeag.

11. A very unhappy division among this people has so far weakened their strength, as to render necessary missionary aid. Were they united, they would be abundantly able to sustain the institutions of the Gospel.

12. Mr. Merrill was dismissed the last October.—Since then the pulpit has not been supplied.

13. State of things in this Church and Society somewhat improved.

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| 11. BROWNFIELD.<br>HIRAM.<br>DENMARK.<br>Rev. David Gerry, <i>P.</i>      | June 25, 1852.      | 12m                   | 126                   |                       | 42<br>16<br>37  | 1                    |                  | 1                    |                                  |                    |
| 15. BROWNVILLE.<br>Rev. Wm. S. Sewall, <i>P.</i>                          | June 25, 1852.      | 12                    | 75                    | 125                   | 88              | 8                    | 6                | 16                   | 33                               | 26 80              |
| 16. BURLINGTON.<br>Rev. J. E. M. Wright, <i>s. s.</i>                     | Aug. 26, 1852.      | 9                     | 150                   | 80                    | 17              |                      |                  | 2                    | 12 35                            | 5 60               |
| 17. BUXTON, <i>North.</i><br>Rev. G. W. Cressey, <i>s. s.</i>             | June 25, 1852.      | 12                    | 100                   |                       | 42              | 5                    | 5                | 2                    | 20                               | 25                 |
| 18. CAPE ELIZABETH.<br>Rev. N. W. Sheldon, <i>s. s.</i>                   | June 25, 1852.      | 5½                    | 46                    | 75                    | 36              |                      |                  | 1                    | 5                                |                    |
| 19. CASTINE, <i>North.</i><br>Mr. James M. Palmer.                        | Aug. 26, 1852.      | 2                     | 21                    | 145                   | no<br>ch.       |                      |                  |                      |                                  |                    |
| 20. DEDHAM.<br>Rev. Lewis Goodrich, <i>P.</i>                             | June 25, 1852.      | 12                    | 150                   | 80                    | 41              | 2                    | 1                |                      | 35                               | 115                |
| 21. DEXTER.<br>Rev. Stephen Titcomb, <i>s. s.</i>                         | June 25, 1852.      | 12                    | 150                   | 82                    | 54              | 2                    | 2                |                      | 26 06                            | 25                 |
| 22. DIXMONT.<br>PLYMOUTH.<br>Rev. Israel Hills, <i>s. s.</i>              | June 25, 1852.      | 12                    | 84                    | 85<br>85              | 17<br>no<br>ch. |                      |                  |                      | 12 12                            |                    |
| 23. DOVER AND FOXCROFT.<br>Rev. Wooster Parker, <i>P.</i>                 | June 25, 1852.      | 12                    | 150                   | 170                   | 110             | 8                    | 3                | 6                    | 76 30                            |                    |
| 24. FARMINGTON FALLS.<br>MERCER.<br>Rev. John K. Deering, <i>s. s.</i>    | June 25, 1852.      | 4                     | 67                    | 135<br>110            | 52              |                      |                  |                      |                                  |                    |
| 25. FARMINGTON FALLS.<br>CHESTERVILLE.<br>Rev. John Forbush, <i>s. s.</i> | Nov. 26, 1852.      | 6                     | 91                    | 150<br>150            | 49              | 2                    | 7                | 1                    | 9 60<br>4 52                     |                    |
| 26. FAYETTE MILLS.<br>Rev. Daniel Kendrick.                               | June 25, 1852.      | 1                     | 28                    | 50                    | 21              |                      |                  |                      | 1 77                             |                    |
| 27. FRANKFORT.<br>Rev. Stephen H. Hayes, <i>P.</i>                        | June 25, 1852.      | 112                   | 100                   | 225                   | 79              | 3                    | 2                |                      | 25                               | 100                |



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14. The state of feeling in the Church at Brownfield is much better than it was a year ago.—At HIRAM the congregation has increased one-third. A new meeting-house is contemplated, and a strong desire has been expressed to have preaching one-half of the time.—At Denmark, also, an increased interest has recently been manifested.

15. Among grounds of encouragement are mentioned "a disposition on the part of many to do all they can to support the Gospel, and a feeling that they cannot do without it; a constant and increasing attendance on public worship; a growing attachment to the prayer meeting and readiness to sustain it; and the conversion of several children of the Church in answer to the prayers of God's people."

16. During the winter and spring more seriousness than usual among the young people.—No regular preaching within 8 miles, and none of our denomination within 12.—Mr. Wright spends a part of the time in destitute places in the vicinity.

17. This is a new missionary field, occasioned by the division of the Congregational Church and Society of Buxton into "two bands." One of these sustains itself; the other is assisted. By the division the number of regular attendants on public worship has been greatly increased.—A commodious parsonage was built (in N. Buxton) the last autumn, in about 3 months from the commencement of the undertaking.

18. Nothing reported from this mission of special interest.

19. The Sabbath School in this place numbered from 50 to 60.—A good degree of interest was manifested.—"No other than orthodox preaching can be supported. This the people are willing to support one half the time."

20. This people have commenced the erection of a house of worship, and hope to complete it in the course of the present season. In this enterprise many seem much interested who hitherto have not worshipped with them, are affording their aid, and intend to purchase pews.

21. During the year the sanctuary has been repaired.

22. During the year a new house of worship has been completed at Plymouth upon the plan of "Union" (so called), but such have been the arrangements, as to allow Mr. Hills the occupancy of it for the last 6 months only one-sixth of the time, instead of one-half as before. The other two-sixths he has spent in other destitute places.—His whole field of labor is emphatically "a hard field."

23. "The year has been one of harmony and general outward prosperity." Net increase of Church members has been 6. "The attendance on public worship better than in any previous year."

24. Mr. Deering's services were very acceptable; but feeling unable, by reason of feeble health, to sustain the burden imposed upon him by preaching in two places, he closed his labors there last October, and has since been supplying the Church and Society at Boothbay harbor.

25. The 9 persons added to the Chesterville Church were from the neighborhood of Farmington Falls. Leave has been granted them to hold Church conferences, to receive and dismiss members, and to have the ordinances of the Gospel administered to them, at the Falls.

26. The desire of the few Congregationalists at this place is to have stated preaching a part of the time, in connection with some other place. But no such arrangement can at present be effected.

27. "Our congregation has increased considerably, and externally we are more prosperous than ever before. The proprietors of our house of worship have fitted up the grounds with much taste and at considerable expense.—Several valuable families have moved in."

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| 23. FRANKFORT MILLS.<br>Mr. Alfred L. Skinner, s. s.<br>Mr. George W. Field, s. s. | Aug. 26, 1852.<br>Jan. 1, 1853.   | 4 mo<br>6             | 33<br>50              | 150                   | 14                   |                      |                  | 4                    | 23 50                            |                    |
| 29. GARDINER.<br>Rev. Wm. L. Hyde, P.                                              | June 25, 1852.                    | 12                    | 100                   | 175                   | 73                   | 1                    |                  |                      | 33 56                            |                    |
| 30. GARLAND.<br>ST. ALBANS.<br>Rev. P. B. Thayer, P.                               | June 25, 1852.<br>Sept. 25, 1852. | 3<br>9                | 38<br>112             | 125<br>200            | 61<br>62             | 1                    |                  |                      | 13 70<br>5 29                    | 10                 |
| 31. GLENBURN.<br>Mr. Findlay Wallace.                                              | April 28, 1852.                   | 1                     | 28                    | 50                    | 13                   |                      |                  |                      | *5 45                            |                    |
| 32. GOULDSBOROUGH.<br>Mr. A. R. Mitchell, s. s.                                    | Aug. 26, 1852.<br>Dec., 1852.     | 3<br>6                | 42<br>91              | 100                   | no<br>ch.            |                      |                  | 2                    |                                  |                    |
| 33. GRAY.<br>Rev. Allen Lincoln, P.                                                | June 25, 1852.                    | 12                    | 150                   | 100                   | 58                   |                      |                  | 2                    | 34 45                            |                    |
| 34. HARRISON.<br>Rev. Charles Packard, P.                                          | June 25, 1852.                    | 6                     | 37                    | 110                   | 97                   |                      |                  |                      | 23                               |                    |
| 35. HODGDON.<br>MONTICELLO.<br>NEW LIMERICK.<br>Mr. R. W. Emerson, s. s.           | June 25, 1852.<br>Sept., 1852.    | 3<br>9                | 56<br>163             |                       | 14<br>1<br>no<br>ch. |                      |                  |                      |                                  |                    |
| 36. HOULTON.<br>Mr. Charles P. Felch.                                              | Aug. 26, 1852.                    | 2                     | 56                    |                       | 23                   |                      |                  |                      |                                  |                    |
| 37. ISLE OF HAUT.<br>Rev. Joshua Eaton, s. s.                                      | June 25, 1852.                    | 12                    | 100                   | 50                    | no<br>ch.            |                      |                  |                      | 2 68                             | 1                  |
| 38. INDUSTRY.<br>MERCER.<br>Rev. R. H. Fuller.                                     | Nov. 5, 1852.                     | 1½                    | 42                    |                       | 92                   |                      |                  |                      | 1                                |                    |
| 39. JACKSON AND BROOKS.<br>THORNDIKE AND KNOX.<br>Rev. Luther Wiswall, P.          | June 25, 1852.                    | 12                    | 50                    |                       | 75<br>25             | 1                    |                  |                      | 9 50<br>42                       |                    |



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28. Increased religious interest during the winter, especially among the young.

29. Attendance on public worship as good as ever, but less of marked seriousness than in some former years.—Some of the Church are anxious to relieve the Missionary Society from granting them any further aid, but the fear is that in their present circumstances, "such a measure would be suicidal."

30. "Early in the spring, a part of the Church in Garland were a good deal quickened. Days of fasting and prayer were appointed. A visiting committee was appointed. Religious meetings were numerous and well attended. Several became anxious, and some still continue so. But as yet none have expressed hope in Christ. "The pastor has often been reminded of the expressive language of the prophet—the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth."—A new parsonage is about to be built.

31. Nothing reported of special interest.

32. Mr. Mitchell's labors have been divided between West Gouldsbrough and Prospect Harbor. The average attendance at both places in the pleasanter seasons of the year has been about 100. Beside the 2 instances reported of hopeful conversions, others are mentioned of anxiety and thoughtfulness. The children are deeply interested in the Sabbath School. There is ground of hope, that if continued labor should be bestowed, the desert, long barren and waste, will become a fruitful field.

33. The 2 instances reported of hopeful conversion were of young persons, of "about the same age, who lived near together, and were taken sick of the same disease. During their sickness, they both became interested in religion, gave themselves to Christ, found peace in believing, and are now, as we hope and trust, living in the same home in heaven."

34. The Rev. Mr. Packard was obliged to leave Harrison the last winter on account of the ill-health of his wife, requiring her removal to a milder climate. His dismissal occurred, with the deep regret of both pastor and people, on the 27th of December. They have had no preaching since.

35. Mr. Emerson has preached at Hodgdon one-half the time to very good acceptance. At Monticello his services of late have been discontinued. All the preaching they have at New Limerick is from him one Sabbath out of four. "The state of things there is very discouraging."

36. Mr. Felch was very kindly received, and an earnest desire expressed that he should continue with them for a longer time. The Church at H. has become exceedingly feeble; but one male member remaining. Of late Mr. Emerson has supplied one-fourth of the time, and he reports "the aspect of things, in a religious point of view, as somewhat more favorable. The temperance cause has hearty friends, and is making some progress. The present time affords," it is thought, "a peculiarly favorable opportunity for missionary labor in Houlton."

37. "When the question came up about having preaching another year, the people said decidedly—they could not think of doing without; and if I would stay, they would do all they could to sustain me."

38. The services of Mr. Fuller were valued very highly, and his departure was deeply regretted. Of late several Sabbaths have been spent at Industry, and one at Mercer, by Rev. E. S. Hopkins.

39. The people at Brooks, after living without Congregational preaching for 2 years, were aroused to unwonted effort, that they might again obtain it. After expending \$250 in remodeling and refitting their house of worship, they subscribed \$200 towards the support of Mr. Wiswall, and he has resumed his labors among them, as before, for one-half the time. Since October last he has not supplied at Thorndike.

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| 40. KENNEBUNKPORT, 1st p.<br>Rev. John Baker, P.            | June 25, 1852.                   | 12m                   | 84                    | 125                   | 69              |                      |                  | 4                    | 20                               | 35 59              |
| 41. KITTERY POINT.<br>Rev. A. W. Fiske, P.                  | June 25, 1852.                   | 12                    | 100                   | 75                    | 44              |                      |                  | 1                    | 20                               | 41 71              |
| 42. LIMINGTON.<br>Rev. John H. Garman, P.                   | June 25, 1852.                   | 12                    | 125                   | 150                   | 94              | 2                    |                  | 2                    | 17 09                            |                    |
| 43. LINCOLN.<br>Rev. Alvan Bates, P.                        | June 25, 1852.                   | 12                    | 250                   | 80                    | 25              |                      |                  | 1                    | 11 64                            | 13                 |
| 44. LITCHFIELD.<br>Mr. Benjamin Smith, s. s.                | June 25, 1852.                   | 12                    | 100                   | 100                   | 47              |                      |                  | 16                   | 6 25                             | 15                 |
| 45. LOVELL.<br>Rev. Joseph Smith, s. s.                     | July 17, 1852.                   | 9½                    | 49                    | 100<br>130            | 68              |                      | 1                | 6                    | 5                                | 15                 |
| 46. LUBEC.<br>Rev. W. H. Adams.<br>Rev. George W. Finney.   | June 25, 1852.<br>May 25, 1853.  | 1½                    | 21                    | 80                    | 10              |                      |                  |                      | 7                                |                    |
| 47. MACHIASPORT.<br>NORTHFIELD.<br>Rev. G. Bacheller, s. s. | June 25, 1852.                   | 12                    | 100                   | 75<br>50              | 41<br>21        |                      |                  |                      | 6                                |                    |
| 48. MADISON.<br>SOUTH ANSON.<br>Rev. T. G. Mitchell, s. s.  | June 25, 1852.<br>Oct. 15, 1852. | 4½<br>7½              | 63<br>94              | 125<br>90             | 35<br>42        |                      |                  | 1                    | 8<br>11                          |                    |

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40. "Prayer meetings during the winter were sustained with more than usual interest. The Society is gradually gaining in numbers and strength."

41. "No more pecuniary ability in the Church and Society, and no more members in the Church, than there was three years ago." In other respects, some indications of progress. A resolution has been taken, that they "deem it a positive duty to make, and *will make*, a hearty and united effort with their pastor to bring about a better state of things in the Church and Parish, and that not in lip service, but practically."

42. Unusual religious interest early in the spring. Two individuals, for many months under conviction, have given decided evidence of piety. One of them has since died in the triumphs of faith, and the other is in daily expectation of her departure. The people in Limington "have subscribed very liberally for an academy building, and are now engaged in putting it up." Good is anticipated, in several respects, from this movement.

43. "We gain but slowly. Our people, with the exception of a few staid families, are constantly on the move. We hardly get acquainted with people before they are off, and new ones have taken their places. One of my prominent supporters is about moving, with his large family, to Michigan.—During the year means have been devised, by which payment of the debt on our meetinghouse is secured. The people have concluded to ask for the year ensuing \$25 less than they have heretofore received."

44. "During the winter there has been an unusual interest in our weekly prayer meetings. An increased spirit of prayer was felt, the graces of Christians were enlivened, and about 16 persons have been hopefully converted, most of whom are in early life, and have been subjects of Sabbath School instruction. We feel that we have been strengthened and greatly encouraged by what the Lord has done for us." Mr. Smith is expecting soon to be ordained.

45. When application was made from Lovell for aid, the Church had been materially weakened in its pecuniary strength by deaths and losses of property: and a balance of debt remained, incurred by the building of two meetinghouses.—"Notwithstanding the loss of some of its most able and efficient members, the Society is making steady progress. There is now a very encouraging degree of unanimity; some difficulties in the Church have been adjusted, and the Lord has in a measure revived his work, in connection with our accustomed services, joined with increased attention to parochial visiting and personal conversation." Mr. Smith is about to be installed as pastor of this Church.

46. Mr. Finney spent two or three weeks at Lubec the last fall, and his ministrations were highly acceptable. Should his health permit him to remain, there is good reason for the hope, that this Church and Society, once vigorous and flourishing, but since scattered and peeled and well nigh prostrated, will again be built up. Mr. Finney will spend a portion of the time at Whiting.

47. "During the last 15 years the strength of this Church (Machiasport) has declined at least one-half. Its members now stand firm in the doctrines of the Gospel."—Some progress has been made at Northfield in the settlement of difficulties. "Whether they will make an effort to have preaching the coming year is doubtful."

48. The Sabbath School is in a flourishing condition.—A few individuals have united with Mr. Mitchell in purchasing a "convenient and comfortable" house for him to live in, with "land enough for purposes of exercise and horsekeeping."

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| 49. MAPLE GROVE.<br>FORT FAIRFIELD.<br>SALMON BROOK.<br>GARDNER CREEK.<br>PRESQUE ISLE.<br>LETTER H.<br>Rev. Elbridge Knight, <i>s. s.</i> | Oct., 1852.<br>Feb., 1853.    | 3mo<br>5              | 91<br>105             | 40 9 res<br>55<br>40 8 "<br>25<br>35 3 "<br>50 |                 |                      |                  | 1                    | 7<br>3                           |                    |
| 50. MECHANIC FALLS.<br>Rev. Enos Merrill, <i>P.</i>                                                                                        | June 25, 1852.                | 12                    | 150                   | 150                                            | 52              | 6                    |                  |                      | 56 50 20                         |                    |
| 51. MONMOUTH.<br>Rev. Jos. H. Conant, <i>s. s.</i>                                                                                         | June 25, 1852.                | 12                    | 125                   | 75                                             | 21              | 6 15                 | 6                |                      | 7                                |                    |
| 52. MONSON.<br>" and vicinity.<br>Rev. H. Hsley, <i>P.</i>                                                                                 | June 25, 1852.<br>Jan., 1853. | 12<br>14              | 100<br>35             | 100                                            | 83              | 1                    |                  |                      | 48 61 44                         |                    |
| 53. MOUNT DESERT.<br>Rev. Samuel Bowker, <i>s. s.</i>                                                                                      | June 25, 1852.                | 12                    | 100                   | 130                                            | 120             | 3                    |                  |                      | 21                               | 40                 |
| 54. NAPLES.<br>SWEDEN.<br>Rev. L. W. Harris.                                                                                               | Sept. 15, 1852.               | 94                    | 119                   | 100                                            | no<br>ch.<br>36 |                      | 2<br>20          | 2                    | 6                                |                    |
| 55. NEWFIELD.<br>Rev. Edmund Burt, <i>P.</i>                                                                                               | June 25, 1852.                | 12                    | 75                    | 100                                            | 65              |                      |                  | 1                    | *12                              |                    |
| 56. NEW VINEYARD.<br>KINGFIELD.<br>Rev. David Turner.                                                                                      | June 25, 1852.                | 12                    | 70                    |                                                | 39<br>10        |                      |                  |                      | 6                                |                    |
| 57. NORWAY, Centre.<br>Rev. H. W. Strong, <i>s. s.</i>                                                                                     | June 25, 1852.                | 9                     | 75                    |                                                | 53              |                      |                  |                      |                                  |                    |

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49. Mr. Knight spends the 1st and 3d Sabbaths of the month in Letter D, attending 2 meetings at Maple Grove and a 3d at the Fort—the 2d Sabbath at Presque Isle—and the 4th Sabbath he divides between Salmon Brook and Letter H.—The prospect of good being done in this interesting portion of the State is brightening. Prejudices are lessening, and the labors of our missionary are more highly valued.—The people are rapidly improving in their worldly condition, and in a few years will be able to sustain the ministrations of the Gospel without assistance. During the year from February 1852, to February 1853, \$150 are expected from them. Heretofore they have done scarcely any thing more than to board a missionary from house to house.

50. “The congregation is slowly increasing and becoming more regular. Our greatest discouragement is the debt incurred by building our meetinghouse.—This we are trying to devise ways and means for paying off.”

51. On the 17th of May a Congregational Church was organized at Monmouth, consisting of 13 members, to which 8 have been added since, in all 21—12 males, 9 females. Five of the number are cases of recent conversion. Several others are expected soon to unite.—Mr. Conant preaches three-fourths of the time at Monmouth Centre, and one-fourth at North Monmouth.—The prospects of success in this new enterprise are highly encouraging.

52. Nothing of special interest reported from Monson. Three Sabbaths of Mr. Hisley's extra mission have been spent at Atkinson.

53. The families connected with the Congregational Society on this large island are reckoned at 200. There are 2 houses of worship, alternately occupied (for the most part) by Mr. Bowker. Places for occasional preaching are much more numerous. Nine Sabbath Schools are sustained during the summer by the Congregational Church, in connection with other denominations. The state of feeling in the Church is reported as much better than in years past.

54. In both these places earnest desires are expressed to enjoy permanently the ministrations of the Gospel.—In Sweden they are about making extensive repairs on their meetinghouse.—From the commencement of Mr. H.'s labors there was an unusual religious activity in the Church. All meetings were faithfully attended, and were conducted with a good degree of harmony and of zeal in religious duties. Some 20 individuals, mostly from the Sabbath School, have been hopefully converted.

55. During the past year the people in this place have removed and refitted their parsonage buildings, and painted their meetinghouse, at an expense of \$750. The care and oversight of the whole work have devolved on the pastor, and not a farthing of debt now rests upon the Society.—The Church and Society are as united and prosperous as at any former period in his ministry, and as anxious to retain his services. There are at present (June 2d) a few cases of serious awakening.

56. Nothing of special interest reported.

57. The hope was entertained, that the friends of our denomination would unite their efforts for the support of a preached Gospel at the village. But an arrangement having been made with Mr. Strong, before the last annual meeting, to continue his services for another year at the Centre, in expectation of aid from the Missionary Society, the Trustees consented for 9 months longer to afford assistance.



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| 58. NORWAY, Village,<br>Rev. Asa T. Loring, s. s.                                        | Sept. 1, 1852.                   | 10m                   | 167                   | 175                   | 31              | 2                    | 29               |                      | 29                               |                    |
| 59. No. 11,<br>FORT KENT,<br>(Aroostook County.)<br>Rev. M. R. Keep, s. s.               | June 25, 1852.<br>Jan. 10, 1853. | 6<br>6                | 125<br>125            |                       |                 |                      |                  |                      |                                  |                    |
| 60. OLDTOWN.<br>Rev. Samuel H. Merrill.                                                  | June 25, 1852.                   | 12                    | 250                   | 175                   | 22              |                      |                  |                      | 39                               |                    |
| 61. ORONO.<br>Rev. L. I. Hoadley, P.                                                     | June 25, 1852.                   | 12                    | 200                   | 120                   | 30              |                      |                  | 1                    | 38 46                            | 45 74              |
| 62. ORLAND.<br>Rev. H. Houston, P.                                                       | June 25, 1852.                   | 12                    | 150                   | 100                   | 29              | 2                    | 1                | 14                   | 35                               |                    |
| 63. ORRINGTON.<br>Rev. Franklin Davis, s. s.                                             | June 25, 1852.<br>Sept., 1852.   | 3<br>9                | 35<br>91              | 135                   | 50              | 3                    |                  | 5                    | 35                               | 15                 |
| 64. OXFORD.<br>WEST MINOT.<br>Rev. Isaac Carlton, P.<br>Rev. Geo. F. Tewksbury, s. s.    | June 25, 1852.<br>May, 1853.     | 12                    | 126                   |                       | 47<br>30        |                      |                  |                      | 21 65<br>12 35                   |                    |
| 65. PASSADUMKEAG and vic'y.<br>Rev. Wm. A. Merrill, s. s.                                | June 25, 1852.<br>Aug. 26, 1852. | 2<br>10               | 33<br>167             | 75                    | 9               | 1                    |                  |                      | 15                               | 14 50              |
| 66. PATTEN.<br>PLANATIONS ADJOINING.<br>Rev. Charles Soule, s. s.<br>Rev. Ephraim Fobes. | June 1, 1852.<br>Dec. 10, 1852.  | 3½<br>3               | 105<br>63             |                       | 24              |                      |                  |                      | 1                                |                    |
| 67. PENOBSCOT.<br>Mr. H. Q. Butterfield.                                                 | Aug. 26, 1852.                   | 2                     | 21                    | 200                   | no<br>ch.       |                      |                  |                      |                                  |                    |
| 68. PERRY.<br>Rev. Charles Soule.                                                        | Oct. 1, 1852.                    | 1½                    | 24 25                 |                       | 89              |                      |                  |                      |                                  |                    |

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58. The attempt to sustain Congregational preaching in Norway Village the whole time may be considered a new enterprise, and thus far has been in a good degree successful. A house of worship has been obtained (formerly in possession of a Methodist society) and fitted up. A Church, now consisting of 31 members, has been organized, and a minister obtained, who proves thus far highly acceptable. Should the two Churches and congregations become united, they might form one vigorous, self-supporting society. But if no such union shall be effected, the Church at the Village will still need, for a season, the fostering care of the Missionary Society.

59. The probability is that after the close of the present year Mr. Keep will receive more than one-half of his support from the inhabitants of those new settlements in which he labors.—No Church has yet been organized at No. 11, but “there are four or five members of the Free Scotch Church in the settlement,” and some other professing individuals belonging to Churches in Maine. The prospect seems improving of a permanent establishment of the Christian ministry in the Upper Aroostook.

60. The coming season, \$600 are to be expended in repairing the meetinghouse, and the next year it is expected they will do more to support the ministry. Hitherto they have been slowly but steadily gaining ground, and by the blessing of God on judicious and faithful cultivation, a precious harvest will ere long be gathered in. An additional mission of seven weeks being granted to Mr. Merrill, he spent three weeks at Katahdin Iron Works, where his labors were thankfully received, and the promise was insisted on of another visit. The other places visited were Bradley and Greenfield—“in each of which is a population of about 300, without any religious organization whatever.”

61. Many serious difficulties obstruct the growth and prosperity of this Church. It seems however to be holding its own, and circumstances are not wanting which indicate improvement and encourage hope.

62. Nothing reported of special interest. The enterprise is still a very hopeful one.

63. No very marked changes during the past year.

64. The Rev. Mr. Carlton was dismissed the last September; but for some time continued to preach at East Oxford one-half the time, and the other half at West Minot until May. Mr. Tewksbury is expected to preach at Oxford only.

65. No marked changes during the past year.

66. Mr. Soule's time was divided between Patten and two adjoining plantations. Since the year commenced Mr. Fobes has preached half the time at Patten village; the rest of the time he has divided between No. 4, Island Falls, and Golden Ridge. A difficulty, long existing in the Patten Church, has been happily settled. The state of feeling in the Church, and to some extent out of it, is represented as improved. “One of the most active and able members of the Church has moved away.”

67. Mr. Butterfield's services were very favorably received. A mission was given to Mr. Skinner for two months at Penobscot, the last April, but was not accepted by him. There is thought to be a very favorable opening there for the introduction and establishment of a Congregational ministry.

68. In consequence of the introduction of Unitarian preaching, and of other causes, the Church and Society in this place have been lamentably divided and weakened. It is believed, however, that Jacob, though “small and feeble, would arise” were the proper means employed. The Trustees have been earnestly desirous of affording them assistance, but the difficulty has been in finding (since the close Mr. Soule's mission) a suitable man.



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| 69. PHILLIPS.<br>NEW PORTLAND.<br>Rev. S. S. Gould.                                   | June 26, 1852.<br>Jan. 10, 1853.              | 6mo<br>6              | 91<br>91              |                       | 37<br>10        |                      |                  |                      | 1 25                             |                    |
| 70. PISCATAQUIS COUNTY.<br>Rev. Henry White.                                          | Aug., 1852.<br>Sept., 1852.<br>April, 1853.   | 1<br>3<br>1           | 28<br>42<br>28        |                       | 20              |                      |                  |                      | 7                                |                    |
| 71. PITTSBORO, (2 churches.)<br>Rev. Joshua S. Gay, P.                                | June 25, 1852.<br>Oct. 25, 1852.              | 4<br>8                | 33<br>67              | 80                    | 61              |                      |                  |                      | 5 05                             | 4 75               |
| 72. POLAND.<br>Rev. Stephen Gould, P.                                                 | June 25, 1852.                                | 12                    | 50                    | 75                    | 44              |                      |                  |                      | 15                               | 8                  |
| 73. RUMFORD.<br>DIXFIELD.<br>Rev. E. S. Hopkins, P.                                   | June 25, 1852.                                | 12                    | 100                   | 100<br>60             | 71<br>26        |                      |                  |                      | 9 20                             |                    |
| 74. SANFORD.<br>Rev. Albert Cole, s. s.                                               | June 25, 1852.                                | 12                    | 84                    | 125                   | 59              |                      |                  |                      | 40                               |                    |
| 75. SEDGWICK.<br>Mr. D. W. Pickard.<br>Mr. Stephen L. Bowler.<br>Mr. John Q. Peabody. | Aug. 26, 1852.<br>Nov., 1852.<br>April, 1852. | 2<br>2<br>2           | 28<br>28<br>28        | 100                   | 29              |                      |                  | 3                    |                                  |                    |
| 76. SKOWHEGAN.<br>Rev. Asa T. Loring, s. s.<br>Rev. Alpha Morton, s. s.               | June 25, 1852.<br>April 1, 1853.              | 12<br>3               | 75<br>25              | 175                   | 22              |                      |                  |                      | 10                               |                    |
| 77. SPRINGFIELD. }<br>LEE. }<br>CARROLL. }<br>Rev. N. W. Sheldon.                     | May 5, 1852.                                  | 3                     | 91                    | 75                    | 16              |                      |                  |                      | 1<br>1 12                        |                    |
| 78. STANDISH.<br>Rev. J. B. Hadley, P.                                                | June 25, 1852.<br>Jan., 1853.                 | 6<br>6                | 63<br>63              | 60                    | 61              | 5                    | 5                | *                    |                                  | 34                 |
| 79. STRONG.<br>Rev. Wm. Davenport, P.                                                 | June 25, 1852.                                | 12                    | 150                   | 150                   | 63 r.           | 2                    |                  |                      | 17 77                            | 15                 |
| 80. SUMNER.<br>SOUTH HARTFORD.<br>Rev. H. G. Willey, P.                               | June 25, 1852.                                | 12                    | 84                    | 150                   | 85              |                      |                  |                      | 7                                |                    |
| 81. TEMPLE.<br>Rev. S. Hackett, s. s.                                                 | June 25, 1852.                                | 12                    | 100                   | 110                   | 80              | 1                    |                  |                      | 30                               |                    |

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69. Mr. Gould has preached one-half the time at Phillips Village, one-fourth at Phillips Hill, one-fourth at New Portland, and occasionally at North New Portland. In all the congregations there has been a gradual and considerable increase. Of late there has been a better attention to preaching, especially at Phillips; and the Sabbath Schools have opened this spring with more than usual promise.

70. Mr. White's labors were bestowed upon Kilmarnock, Sebec, Sangerville, Abbot and Orneville. In some portions of the territory traversed by him, he found pious individuals by whom his visits and ministrations were thankfully received. But there was much of ignorance and stupidity to mourn over, and much of "deadly influence" exerted by those those who, being formerly professed converts and active in religious duties, "are now among the ungodly and profane."

71. The pastor of these Churches is expecting soon to close his connection with them for want of a competent support.

72. This Society is feeble, and the prospect of growth is by no means encouraging.

73. The labors of Mr. Hopkins at Dixfield ceased the last November, and from the Church in Rumford he was dismissed in March. Both places are now supposed to be destitute of Congregational preaching.

74. Mr. Cole's ministry in Sanford ceased the last April.—The Church has lost 3 members during the year by death, and 2 by dismission,

75. "Good listeners at Sedgwick.—Prayer meetings well sustained."

76. Mr. Loring's ministry in Skowhegan and South Solon ceased the last August, and for several months they were destitute of preaching. Mr. Morton had formerly occupied the ground, and in compliance with the urgent request of the people, he has consented, though not without "quite a sacrifice," to himself, "of money and comfort," to occupy it again. The expectation is that he will shortly be installed pastor of the Church at Skowhegan, and should the blessing of God attend his labors, a flourishing society may yet be raised up in that thriving and prosperous village.

77. Mr. Sheldon "meets with general acceptance," and the hope is, that the people will "do something towards his support." They are a poor people, but some of them love the Gospel and have been very hungry for the bread of life.

78. Mr. Hadley has now "a house to live in." "The Lord has poured out his Spirit upon us, and 5, I trust, have passed from death unto life." The Society is small, but united, and is slowly making progress.

79. In May last Mr. Davenport, after supplying this Church and people for 7 years, was installed their pastor.—The attendance on public worship is gradually increasing and pews are in good demand.—The Sabbath School was never so full, or attended with so much interest, as now.

80. Meetings well attended.—In Hartford very decided progress. Never had such Sabbath Schools before. More interest in religion generally than usual.—In Sumner nearly all the congregation, both old and young, go into the Sabbath School every Sabbath. "Measures are now in progress for building a new meetinghouse."

81. "The migratory spirit has subsided. The congregation on the Sabbath has increased, and the Sabbath School was never in a more prosperous state. In a remote part of the town, where some members of the Church reside, and where I have spent 6 Sabbaths during the year, the interest in our worship has very much increased. The last time I was there, one Church member living in Carthage walked 7 miles to attend the meeting, and more than a dozen walked from 2 miles to 5."

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| 32. TURNER.<br>Rev. John Dodd, <i>s. s.</i>                                                           | June 25, 1852.                                                       | 12m                   | 100                   | 100                   | 78              |                      |                  |                      | 32 27 22                         |                    |
| 33. UNION.<br>Rev. D. F. Potter, <i>P.</i>                                                            | June 25, 1852.                                                       | 12                    | 91                    | 100                   | 74              | 2                    |                  |                      | 31 86                            | 15                 |
| 34. UNITY.<br>Mr. B. D. Henry.<br>Rev. Nath'l Chapman, <i>s. s.</i>                                   | June 25, 1852. $\frac{1}{2}$<br>Sept. 1, 1852. 6<br>April 1, 1853. 3 |                       | 14<br>100<br>50       |                       | 75<br>35        |                      |                  |                      |                                  | 25                 |
| 35. VASSALBOROUGH.<br>SIDNEY.<br>NORTH AUGUSTA.<br>Rev. David Thurston, <i>s. s.</i>                  | June 25, 1852. 3<br>Sept. 25, 1852. 9                                |                       | 25<br>75              | 75<br>60<br>50        | 31<br>14<br>30  | 1<br>2               |                  | 3<br>1               | 6 25<br>8<br>2 86                | 40                 |
| 36. WASHINGTON.<br>WINDSOR.<br>Rev. N. W. Sheldon.                                                    | Dec. 9, 1852.                                                        | 3                     | 50                    |                       | 39<br>25        |                      |                  |                      |                                  |                    |
| 37. WATERTVILLE.<br>Rev. R. B. Thurston, <i>P.</i>                                                    | June 25, 1852.                                                       | 12                    | 200                   | 150                   | 74 16           |                      |                  |                      | 15 55                            | 31 75              |
| 38. WELD.<br>CARTHAGE.<br>Rev. J. B. Wheelwright, <i>P.</i>                                           | June 25, 1852. 6<br>Jan., 1853. 6                                    |                       | 37 50<br>37 50        | 125                   | 60 4            |                      | 4                |                      | 20 60                            | 14                 |
| 39. WILTON.<br>Rev. B. Dodge, <i>s. s.</i><br>Mr. H. C. Daniels.<br>Rev. Erastus Curtis, <i>s. s.</i> | June 25, 1852. 12<br>Nov. 30, 1852. 3<br>May 5, 1853. 8              |                       | 150<br>35<br>25       |                       | 44              |                      |                  |                      | 6                                | 2                  |
| 40. WINSLOW.<br>Rev. David Shepley, <i>s. s.</i>                                                      | June 25, 1852. 2<br>Aug. 26, 1852. 10                                |                       | 17<br>105             | 125                   | 45 3 1          |                      |                  |                      | 60                               | 50                 |
| 41. YORK, 2d parish.<br>Rev. Morris Holman, <i>P.</i>                                                 | June 25, 1852.                                                       | 12                    | 84                    | 100                   | 28 1            |                      | 2                | 15                   |                                  | 12                 |

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82. This town has long been a stronghold of Universalism; and its fruits here, as elsewhere, are practical infidelity, and indifference to all religion, to the Bible and the Sabbath; producing a condition of the public mind exceedingly discouraging to a true minister of Christ.—Some benefit is anticipated from a removal of the Congregational meetinghouse to the village, attended, however, with some danger of alienation of feeling and diminution of support from those who are opposed to the measure.

83. "More brotherly love than a year ago. The number in the Sabbath School larger than ever. Our congregation somewhat increased, and a very good degree of permanency in attendance."—In October last Mr. Potter was ordained as pastor of this Church.

84. Nothing reported of special interest.

85. So highly have the services of Mr. Thurston been valued by the Church and Society at Vassalborough, that, more than doubling the subscription of the past year, they have secured his ministrations among them the second year for the whole time. At North Augusta and Sidney his place has been supplied for several months past by the Rev. J. G. Merrill, city missionary in Augusta.

86. People at Washington more attentive than heretofore; and the place "more hopeful, as a field of labor."—At Windsor 3 members were excluded from the Church last winter, "who went away some years since to Second Adventism, and refused to return."

87. "Gradual gain, with hard rowing against the stream. The relative position of the Society in the community seems to improve. \$700 just received for an organ, of which more than \$200 were contributed by gentlemen of other societies in the place and by friends abroad. The increase of membership by the last revival does not increase our pecuniary ability."

88. "Last autumn a good degree of religious interest was manifested, which continued for 3 or 4 months. Four individuals were hopefully converted, and we still feel the influence of this little revival."

89. Soon after the last annual meeting, Mr. Dodge left Wilton, and was settled at Acton, Mass. With the exception of the 3 months mission of Mr. Daniels, the place has been without Congregational preaching since his departure, until the recent coming of Mr. Curtis, who has engaged to supply them for a year.

90. "Public worship is better attended than last year. The Church continue united. The Sabbath School is unusually flourishing. The meetinghouse will probably be repaired."

91. The aspects of this place somewhat improved during the past year. Two or three new families have procured seats in the meetinghouse, and others are wishing to do so. Subscriptions more punctually paid. Meetings well attended, and an increase of serious thoughtfulness.

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For special reasons a mission of 5 weeks was given to Mr. B. D. Henry, the last July, in Norridgewock; the expense of which was mostly defrayed by an extra donation from the Church and people in that place. In the winter, a short mission of 4 weeks was given to Rev. Elias Chapman in South Solon and Madison Mills; one-half the expense of which was paid by the people. During the last month, on account of the sickness of Rev. Mr. Kimball, of Edgecomb, a mission of 6 weeks in that place has been given to Rev. Charles Dame.

## SUMMARY.

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THE fields of missionary labor during the year have been 91, comprising 107 churches, and more than thirty towns and plantations, in which there are no churches. Of the several places embraced in these missionary fields, thirty-nine have been supplied the whole time; eleven three-fourths of the time; twenty-eight one-half; and seventeen one-fourth.

The number of missionaries employed has been 100, (last year 90,) of whom 82 have been ordained ministers, and 18 licentiates. Fifty-six have been in commission for the whole year, 16 for 6 months and upwards, 28 for periods less than 6 months. During the year seven pastors of missionary churches have been dismissed, five of whom are still laboring in other portions of the vineyard, within the State. Three have been ordained (or installed) as pastors of missionary churches; two having the pastoral care of such churches, have received ordination as evangelists; and three are now under a call. The whole amount of service performed by our missionaries, has been equal to 71 years; and that portion of it, for which they have been remunerated by this Society, to about 27 years.

During the year two new churches have been organized within our missionary field; one, now consisting of 31 members, at Norway village; and another of 21 members at Monmouth. Nine persons have been added to the Chesterville church, with leave to act in some measure, as a separate church, at Farmington Falls. The church, formerly holding its meetings in West Fairfield, but now worshipping at Kendall's Mills, has received an accession of seven members. Including these cases, there have been added to the missionary churches during the year, by pro-



fession 110, by letter 95, in all 205. The whole number reported, including many non-residents, is 4,073.

During a year of comparative spiritual dearth in the State at large, it will not be expected that the number of hopeful conversions in our missionary congregations will have equalled that of more favored years. The number reported is 160. The churches most signally blessed, have been those of Sweden, Kenduskeag, Brownville, Litchfield, Monmouth and Bradford.

The contributions from the missionary churches have been, to the Maine Missionary Society, \$1,442.38; to other objects, \$1,041.75; in all \$2,484.13, being more than one-fourth of what they have received.

The statistics of Sabbath Schools throughout the State will be learned from another source. Our missionaries almost uniformly speak of the Sabbath Schools connected with their churches, as in a prosperous condition, and as constituting the most promising part of their field of labor. It is pleasant to learn from one of them, that nearly the whole congregation belong to the Sabbath School; and from others, that several schools in different neighborhoods are superintended and taught by members of their respective churches. It is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing. Nothing will be more conducive to the healthful condition and progressive enlargement of our feeble churches, than the spirit of active effort in the cause of Christ, as evinced more especially in faithful, persevering labors for the spiritual good of children and youth.

### PROGRESS.

Among the most pleasing instances of progress, during the past year, are those already referred to, in which Zion is lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes, by the organization, with cheering prospects of stability and growth, of new churches. In the town of Brooks, after the preached gospel had been withdrawn for a season, the people (but very few of whom are professing christians) became dis-

satisfied. They were unwilling to live without the enjoyment of religious privileges, and with unwonted zeal and liberality, they have repaired the house of God, and made provision for the support, one half the time, of the christian ministry. In the town of Hiram, where our missionary had spent but one Sabbath in four, a new and unexpected effort has been made to obtain his labors one-half the time. This effort has been very successful, and one good result, already witnessed, is the increase of the congregation by nearly or quite one-third. This effort has been made chiefly by those who are not members of the church. But they were convinced, that they must have the public ministrations of the gospel, to promote good morals in society, and the training of children to correct principles and habits. In Hiram, Dedham and Sumner, it is expected that houses of worship will be built the present season. During the past year, besides repairing their meetinghouse, the people at Newfield have removed and fitted up anew, at very considerable expense, their parsonage buildings. A new parsonage is to be built the present season at Brownville. In the report of last year mention is made of a mission at Gouldsborough, granted at the solicitation of a pious female. An earnest request having been made for the return of the missionary, he was appointed last fall to a mission of 3 months, and at the expiration of that period, of 6 months at the same place. The results of these missions in the hopeful conversion of two young persons, the awakened attention of several other individuals, the increased willingness among the people to contribute to the support of our missionary, and their desire for the continuance of his labors, have been highly encouraging.

One other very gratifying indication of progress will be found in the following extracts from a letter of the Rev. H. S. Loring, pastor of the church in Aurora and Amherst:

"The church and society at Aurora and Amherst have decided to dispense with the aid they have usually received, this year, and sustain the gospel themselves. A portion of the church is now manifesting more interest in spiritual religion, than they



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ever have before. They feel that God is waiting to bless them; that he has already blessed them. Three individuals in our congregation have already expressed a hope in Christ, in the conference meetings of the church. The three last of these meetings have been of very deep and impressive interest; many tears have fallen; many confessions of unworthiness have been made. Nor has this blessing been bestowed without prayer.

"It occurred to me when Dr. Tappan visited us last winter, and our people decided to go alone, that perhaps God would bless them for taking such a step, and that the set time to favor Zion might soon come. To what extent we are to regard it in this light, I know not. But one thing is certain: we have done more for benevolent causes the past year and a half, than before, besides the effort for self-support. This, I have hoped, would be returned to us in good measure, and it has been, I trust, already.

"It is in my heart, brethren, to say something to you, expressive of our gratitude for the aid which this society has so long received from the Maine Missionary Society. Surely we should remember you with the affection due to a parent. For 22 years, a period longer than parents are responsible for their children, has the Society nursed this little church. And now, if we are able to go alone, and to separate ourselves from a relation of dependence on you, ungrateful should we be, should we at the same time separate ourselves from a relation of affection for you and interest in you. Nursed so long by your timely aid, let us never forget our benefactor. If the love of Christ be in us, we shall never forget you, nor those who are dependent on you as we have been; but through you we shall reach those who are still needy, and thus pay back in part or in full, what we have received — remembering, that whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, shall in no wise lose his reward; and that freely as we have received, freely we should give. We take our leave of you not without mingled emotions of pleasure and pain. We thank you for what you have done for

us. We bid you God speed in your work of love. May your hands be strengthened, and your hearts enlarged, and your treasury be abundantly replenished from year to year for the work before you, till it can no longer be said, that there is much land to be possessed, but every wilderness and every solitary place in Maine shall be glad for you—and the desert every where shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

STATE OF THE TREASURY.

At the last annual meeting there was a balance in the treasury of \$1,011.51. Of this amount \$550 belonged to the permanent funds of the Society, and have been loaned on good security. The receipts of the year (exclusive of \$1,000, borrowed for four months) have been \$11,684.56, of which \$1,125 are the avails of legacies, and \$10,085.56 donations from various sources. To the American Home Missionary Society were paid during the year by several congregations and individuals in Maine, \$385.50; making the total of contributions in the State to the cause of Home Missions, \$12,070.06. Of the legacies, \$100 were bequeathed to the Society by Mr. George Douglass, late of Conway, N. H., for the purpose of putting into the hands of our missionaries for distribution, Payson's writings; and a sufficient number of copies of Dr. N. Adams' late volume of discourses upon "the friends of Christ," to supply all the missionaries of the A. H. M. S. and of the American Board, having been procured by the kindness of certain gentlemen in Massachusetts, a hundred of them have been appropriated to missionaries in Maine. Valuable donations of clothing have been received from ladies in Saco, South Berwick, Portland, Augusta, Dennysville, and Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The amount of donations received by the Treasurer during the year, ending on the day of the auditing of his accounts, was not in advance of the year preceding.* It is however confi-

* It would have been larger than that of the year preceding by some \$400, if all the collections for the year had been paid, before the Treasurer's accounts were closed up and audited.

dently expected, that his receipts at this meeting will give decided evidence of an increased liberality. The expenditures during the year have been \$10,573.53, and the balance now in the treasury is \$1,572.54.

THE FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR FUND.

More than \$2,000 have been contributed in Maine towards the fund of \$50,000, raised for the building of churches in the West. This we do not regret. When the churches of Macedonia, in their deep poverty, evinced the riches of their liberality by relieving the wants of the poor saints in Judea, they did not become, on this account, the less willing to provide for their own. Nor will those of the good people of Maine, who have aided in providing for their western brethren houses of worship, be for this reason the less disposed to assist the destitute in their own State, in procuring and sustaining the living teacher. It was well for the churches in Maine, that are assisted by this Missionary Society, to testify their good will to the churches in Wisconsin and Minnesota, Missouri and Iowa. But some of them are much in need of help themselves for a similar purpose, and we have been rejoiced in learning, that already the inquiry is raised, whether some systematic, united effort should not be made to meet this necessity.

THE MACEDONIAN CRY.

There is, however, a more urgent demand, like that which summoned the apostle Paul to his first labors in Europe. Let the glorious gospel be preached in the grove or on the hill side, in the school-house or the log-cabin, it may prove to those who hear it the power of God to their salvation. But how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach without a supply for their necessary wants? and how shall this be obtained, in many instances, without charitable aid?

In some places in the State they have never known by experience the benefits of a settled christian ministry. For years they have lived without a christian pastor, without stated instructions in things pertaining to God, without public worship.

In others, where once religious privileges were enjoyed, "the lights have been removed from the golden candlestick, and but little ground of hope appears, that they will be soon filled with any other than those wandering, wavering, waning lights, which serve rather to beguile and bewilder the indiscreet but anxious traveler, than to show him the safe way to the city of habitations." "Some thirty years since," says one of our missionaries, "there was in this village and vicinity a large church" (of another evangelical denomination) "with a settled minister. But now for more than a year not a sermon has been preached here by any evangelical minister. There are scattered here and there a few good women, who mourn deeply over their destitute condition, and seem ready to exclaim, what good shall my life do me, if I am to live without the gospel?" Writing from another place in the same county, the same missionary says, "this town has been the scene of repeated revivals. (?) Revivals attended with little faithful instructive preaching, but with much animal excitement and noise. Numbers who used to speak and pray in meetings are now among the ungodly and profane. Their influence is most deadly. Here also there are those who have a sincere regard for the institutions of religion, and their grief is, that they so seldom have an opportunity of meeting together for public worship, or of listening to the preached gospel. Often is the missionary called to sit down and mingle his sympathies with those, who contrasting their former enjoyment of religious privileges with their present destitute condition, relate to him with tears the sad tale of all their woe." "What a different state of things would exist in these communities, if even one interested, efficient, faithful man could be found, who would take the lead in raising funds for the support of the gospel, and for other objects connected with the interests of religion. Sometimes a good lady has risen up, and in several particulars has performed this duty with admirable ability and success."

It is encouraging to find, that in some instances after having been for a long season without the true God, and without a


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teaching priest, and without law, the people, becoming convinced of the evil of such a condition, are themselves disposed to seek a remedy. It is not, however, the dictate of christian wisdom and love, to wait until darkness enlightens itself, but rather to imitate the Good Shepherd in going after the wandering sheep.

The Trustees regret, that they have no more to report of aggressions upon the moral wilderness—of new ground broken up by the spiritual husbandman — of new posts occupied by the soldiers of Christ. The reasons are three: the want of more men — the want of more money — and the slowness of churches, now assisted, in attaining a self-supporting condition. But one church during the past year has shaken off its dependence, and but five now request a diminished appropriation. In some instances, during the past year, the Trustees have reduced the amount of aid; and the new board, about to be chosen, may consider it their duty to try a similar experiment still further. Not because they will wish to reduce the salaries of ministers. These ought unquestionably in many places to be increased; and with the growing prosperity of the country, and the lessening value of money, they will be, if the people deal justly with their ministers, and with themselves. But in the minds of those who are acquainted with facts, there is a growing conviction, that on the part of *some* who receive assistance there is a culpable unwillingness to fulfill their own obligations; and that the great work of taking possession of the whole inheritance, that belongs to our Redeemer in Maine, is in this way retarded.

We do not forget what has been said in a former report about those "causes of feebleness," and hinderances to improvement, which require "long patience." These causes and hinderances continue to operate, though to some extent with diminished force. One of our missionaries informs us that among his people "the emigrating spirit is subsiding;" while another complains that his "church and society are like a nursery, from which the trees are removed faster than they grow. In families connected with this church, there is not, I believe,



now resident a single young person of either sex between the ages of 15 and 25."

On the whole we have strong confidence in the future prosperity of Maine. It is a State of great resources, though as yet very imperfectly developed and applied. We look for the day, as not far distant, when its hardy sons will more generally learn, that the great objects of life can be secured by dwelling among their own people, in reliance upon the blessing of God, here to crown with success their own resolute, patient, persevering industry, while they are careful to honor Him by observing His ordinances and upholding His institutions.

#### THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The whole number of missionaries in the employment of this Society, during the last year of its operations, was 1,087, employed in 27 different States and Territories; the number of missionary stations, fully or partially supplied, 2,160 — including 10 churches of colored people, and 71 of Welsh, German, Norwegian, Swede, Swiss, Dutch and French congregations. Fifty-six have reported revivals of religion in the societies to which they have ministered, in connection with which there have been 50, 75, and in one case 95 hopeful conversions. Six laborers have been recently sent to California and two to Oregon.

In efforts to fill the Western portions of our widely extended country with christian institutions, and especially with that institution around which all good influences cluster, and from which most of them emanate, the christian ministry, we of the East may well feel a deep interest. For where in the West are not children of the East to be found? and while there they come in contact with the Campbellite, the Mormonite, the papist, the infidel, the atheist, how earnestly to be desired that they may find the devoted, faithful teacher of a pure christianity, by whose instructions they may be fortified against those various forms of error and vice, by which their religious faith and their moral principles will be assailed. How desirable too, that before their departure they may be so well instructed in the

great truths of the gospel, and by the grace of God so imbued with its spirit, as not only to maintain their own integrity, but to spread around them a healthful influence, and to do their part in preserving and extending whatsoever things are true, and right, and conducive to the public welfare.

### OUR COUNTRY.

Never did our beloved country occupy so important a position, as at the present time, in relation to the rest of mankind. "Westward," it was long since said, "the star of empire takes its way." Westward certainly the Sun of Righteousness has diffused his beams, and the old world is flocking to the new to be illumined by them. On our soil "Home and Foreign missions now meet and mingle." In these United States "Home missions become missions to the dwellers on the banks of the Danube and the Rhone. We set up our schools, our presses, and build our churches, for Savoyards and Austrians, and distribute God's holy Word, and preach without fear of chains and prison to the subjects to the king of the Sicilies, and even of the Grand Duke of Tuscany." Home Missionaries labor among thousands of citizens of the Celestial Empire; and will prepare, as we may confidently hope, many of them to carry back to their own land the glad tidings of salvation.

And do we not know the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep? Is this a time, is this a country, for the servants of the God of love, the followers of Him, who would draw all men unto him, to seek their own things, and not the things which are Jesus Christ's? While so much of rapid, and successful movement is made for the promotion of secular interests, shall christians content themselves, in their plans and efforts, with a snail-pace progress? The church should know, in all its branches, in all its members, that in union with its adorable Head it has a mighty work to achieve, and with its prayers, and gifts, and labors, to the full extent of its ability, should come up to the doing of it.

Nothing is so much needed, throughout the State, throughout

the land, in the ministry, and in the christian laity, as larger measures of the spirit of Christ, that discovering the signs of the times, we may do every one his part, in advancing the glorious cause in which our Master is engaged; and that, sympathizing with him in our solitudes, prayers, toils and sacrifices, we may in some humble measure, partake of his satisfaction, and enter into his joy, as the work goes on, and new conquests are made, new spoils are won. "God be merciful to us, and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us, that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations."

## ANNUAL MEETING.

THE forty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Maine Missionary Society was holden in Saco, June 22d, 1853. After the opening of the meeting with prayer and reading of the Scriptures by the President, a sermon was delivered by Rev. S. H. Keeler, of Calais, for which thanks were voted, with a request for publication. The Report of the Trustees was read and accepted, as was also the Report of the Trustees by the Secretary. Addresses were made by Rev. Daniel Lane, from Iowa, Rev. William Goodell, of Constantinople, (who offered also the concluding prayer,) Rev. Mr. Ramsay, of Philadelphia, and Rev. Messrs. G. E. Adams, Perham, Drummond, Parker, Ilsley, Cushman and Fiske, of Maine.

The following were chosen as officers of the Society for the year ensuing:—

### PRESIDENT:

Rev. WILLIAM T. DWIGHT, D. D.

### VICE PRESIDENT:

Rev. JOHN W. ELLINGWOOD, D. D.

### COR. AND REC. SECRETARY:

Rev. BENJAMIN TAPPAN, D. D.

### TREASURER:

JOHN HOW, Esq.

## TRUSTEES:

|                                        |                        |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Rev. WILLIAM T. DWIGHT, <i>ex off.</i> | Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER. |
| Rev. DAVID THURSTON, D. D.             | Rev. DAVID SHEPLEY.    |
| Rev. BENJAMIN TAPPAN.                  | Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON. |
| Rev. JOHN W. ELLINGWOOD.               | Rev. ISAAC ROGERS.     |
| Rev. ENOCH POND, D. D.                 | JOHN HOW, Esq.         |
| Rev. JOHN W. CHICKERING.               |                        |

## AUDITORS:

|                      |  |                    |
|----------------------|--|--------------------|
| WILLIAM C. MITCHELL. |  | WILLIAM D. LITTLE. |
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Rev. Messrs. D. Thurston, Tappan and Ellingwood, were chosen a committee to collect facts relating to the history of the Society.

The next meeting, on the 4th Wednesday of June, was appointed with the Central Church in Bangor.

## PREACHERS:

|                                  |  |                                      |
|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Rev. E. F. CUTTER, <i>First.</i> |  | Rev. S. C. FESSENDEN, <i>Second.</i> |
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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*Account of Receipts and Disbursements by JOHN HOW, Treasurer of Maine Missionary Society.*

## Receipts.

|                                                                       |          |                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Balance in the Treasury at the annual settlement, June 21, 1853,      |          | 1,011 61           |
| Dividends on Bank Stock, October and April,                           | 279 00   |                    |
| “ on 5 shares Lewiston Falls Manufacturing Company,                   | 85 00    | 364 00             |
| Interest on note belonging to the Permanent Fund,                     | 33 00    |                    |
| “ on money loaned,                                                    | 2 00     | 35 00              |
| LEGACIES.—One-half of legacy of Cyrus Pierce, late of Chesterville,   | 25 00    |                    |
| Part of bequest of George Douglass, late of Conway,                   |          |                    |
| New Hampshire,                                                        | 100 00   |                    |
| Sixth installment of legacy of Hon. William Richardson, late of Bath, | 1,000 00 |                    |
|                                                                       |          | 1,125 00           |
| Of Rev. Benj. Tappan, D. D., for supplying pulpit in                  |          |                    |
| sundry places,                                                        |          | 175 00             |
| Loan of Canal Bank,                                                   |          | 1,000 00           |
| For annuities, contributions, life memberships, &c.,                  |          | 10,035 55          |
|                                                                       |          | <u>\$13,696 07</u> |

## Disbursements.

|                                                                                                                                                      |                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Counterfeit bill received in collection at Searsport, . . . . .                                                                                      | 3 00               |
| Paid for bringing money by Express from sundry places, . . . . .                                                                                     | 69                 |
| William T. Johnson's bill for printing Annual Report, . . . . .                                                                                      | 143 50             |
| Paid for distributing the same, . . . . .                                                                                                            | 1 50               |
| Interest on loan at Canal Bank, . . . . .                                                                                                            | 20 50              |
| Invested the amount of note paid by L. Varney and others, belonging to the Permanent Fund, secured by mortgage on real estate in Portland, . . . . . | 550 00             |
| Paid loan at Canal Bank, . . . . .                                                                                                                   | 1,000 00           |
| H. J. Little & Co.'s bill for blank book, . . . . .                                                                                                  | 6 00               |
| Paid Trustees' orders, . . . . .                                                                                                                     | 10,128 16          |
| Postages and incidental expenses, . . . . .                                                                                                          | 16 50              |
| Commissions on receipts, . . . . .                                                                                                                   | 253 68             |
| Balance in the Treasury, . . . . .                                                                                                                   | 1,572 54           |
|                                                                                                                                                      | <u>\$13,696 07</u> |

PORTLAND, June 18, 1853.

Errors Excepted,

JOHN HOW, Treasurer.

PORTLAND, June 18, 1853.

The undersigned have examined the foregoing abstract of the Treasurer's Account, and find the same correctly cast, and the balance in the Treasury fifteen hundred seventy-two 54-100 dollars.

W. D. LITTLE, }  
WM. MITCHELL, } Auditors.

## DONATIONS

FROM JUNE 21, 1852, TO JUNE 20, 1853.

| AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.                          |                | Mechanic Falls.—Sab. Sch 20, inc.               |                |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Carroll.—Sundry individuals, . . . . .         | 1 12           | con. 23 50, don. 11, ann. 2, . . . . .          | 50 50          |
| Lee.—Mrs. Esther Gerrish, . . . . .            | 1 00           | Minot.—Ann. 10, L. M. 6, don. 13, 25            |                |
| Lincoln.—Coll. ch. and soc., . . . . .         | 11 64          | “ West.—Coll. 10 75, don. . . . .               |                |
| Passadumkeag.—J. B. Cleaveland, . . . . .      | 1 00           | 1 60, . . . . .                                 | 12 35          |
| Patten.—John Conant, . . . . .                 | 1 00           |                                                 | 41 35          |
| Aroostook Conference—9, 24, 20, . . . . .      | 29 20          | New Gloucester.—Sew. Cir. 69, coll. . . . .     | 100 60         |
|                                                | <u>\$45 00</u> | 46 69, . . . . .                                | 5 98           |
| CUMBERLAND.                                    |                | North Yarmouth.—Coll., . . . . .                | 15 00          |
| Auburn.—Coll. 40 50, ann. 10, Cent . . . . .   | 71 00          | Poland.—Coll., . . . . .                        |                |
| Society, 20 50, . . . . .                      | 2 00           | Portland, 2d Ch.—Sab. School . . . . .          |                |
| Baldwin.—“ A friend,” . . . . .                | 45 52          | 40, Sew. Cir. 142, L. . . . .                   |                |
| Brunswick.—Coll. and don. 45, sch. . . . .     | 5 00           | M. 135, coll. and . . . . .                     |                |
| children, 52, . . . . .                        | 35 75          | don. 200 25, . . . . .                          | 517 25         |
| Cape Elizabeth.—5 individuals, . . . . .       | 11 60          | 3d Ch.—S. Cir. 105, . . . . .                   |                |
| Cumberland.—Coll. 34, 1 75, . . . . .          |                | coll. 201, . . . . .                            | 306 00         |
| Durham.—Coll. 9 50, don. 2, . . . . .          |                | High St.—Sew. Cir. . . . .                      |                |
| Falmouth, 1st Par.—2 females, . . . . .        |                | 22, L. M. 135, coll. . . . .                    |                |
| 50 each, . . . . .                             | 1 00           | 435 09, . . . . .                               | 592 09         |
| “ 2d Par.—Coll. to . . . . .                   |                | State St.—Sew. Cir. . . . .                     |                |
| compl. a. L. M. . . . .                        | 13 12          | 11, L. M. 5, coll. & . . . . .                  |                |
|                                                | <u>14 12</u>   | don. 75 50, . . . . .                           | 91 00          |
| Freeport.—Cent soc. 11 44, L. M. 35, . . . . . |                |                                                 | <u>1506 84</u> |
| coll. 83 56, . . . . .                         | 130 00         | Powena.—Coll., . . . . .                        | 30 25          |
| Gorham.—S. C. 80, coll. 35, don. 5, . . . . .  | 120 00         | Saccarappa.—L. M. 40, don. 5, . . . . .         | 45 00          |
| Gray.—Coll. ch. and soc., . . . . .            | 34 45          | Scarboro'.—P. M. S. 9 50, coll. 9 02, . . . . . | 18 52          |
|                                                |                | Windham.—Coll. 15, don. 1, . . . . .            | 16 00          |



*Yarmouth.*—Newell Society 80, Cent  
 Soc. 41 73, L. M. 110, coll. 116 94, 348 67  
*Cumberland Conference*, 32 56

\$2,692 61

## FRANKLIN.

*Chesterville.*—Ann. 2, don. 2 52, 4 52  
*Farmington.*—Cont. and m. c. 14 30,  
 F. M. S. 15 82, L. M. 43, don. 6, 104 12  
*Farmington Falls.*—Coll. 3 12, 6 48, 9 60  
*Industry.*—Mrs. Ann West, 1 00  
*New Portland.*—Rufus Viles, 1 25  
*New Vineyard.*—Coll. 3, don. 3, 6 00  
*Strong.*—Coll. 6 50, F. M. S. 11 27, 17 77  
*Temple.*—L. M. 20, coll. 5, F. M. S. 5, 30 00  
*Weld.*—Coll. 9 35, Fem. Miss. Soc.  
 6 25, don. 5, 29 60  
*Wilton.*—Ann. 2, Fem. Miss. Soc.  
 2 27, coll. 1 73, 6 00  
*Franklin Conference*, 9 00

\$220 86

## HANCOCK.

*Amherst and Aurora.*—Fem. So. 16,  
 L. M., in part, 7, 23 00  
*Bluehill.*—Coll., 52 00  
*Brooksville, E.*—Coll., 4 00  
*Bucksport.*—Coll. and don. 94 51,  
 ann. 4, m. c. 50, L. M. 45, 193 51  
*Castine.*—Gent. Asso. 48, m. c. 18,  
 coll. 12, L. M. 110, 188 00  
*Deer Isle.*—Coll. 11, fem. cent soc. 11, 22 00  
*Eastbrook.*—Mrs. Charlotte Parsons, 5 00  
*Ellsworth.*—L. M. 60, Fem. Soc. 20,  
 coll. 60 43, 140 43  
*Isle de Haut.*—Coll., 2 68  
*Mt. Desert and Trenton.*—Coll. & don. 21 00  
*Orland.*—Coll., 14 00  
*Sullivan.*—Miss Mary Sargent, 10 00

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## KENNEBEC.

*Augusta, N.*—Cont., 2 86  
 " S. M. C. 72 26, L. M.  
 70, coll. and don. 273 08, 415 34  
*Benton.*—Coll., 7 76  
*Fayette.*—Coll., 4 77  
*Gardiner.*—Coll. and cont., 33 00  
*Hallowell.*—F. M. S. 30, m. c. 82 36,  
 L. M. 130, ann. 2, coll. 49 63, 293 99  
*Litchfield.*—Coll. 4 25, ann. 2, 6 25  
*Monmouth.*—Cont., 7 00  
*Pittston.*—Ann. 2, coll. 3 05, 5 05  
*Readfield.*—D. F. Sampson, 5 00  
*Richmond.*—Mrs. Janette Smith for  
 a L. M., 20 00  
*Sidney.*—Coll. 5, don. 3, 8 00  
*Vassalborough.*—Coll., 6 25  
*Waterville.*—Cont., 15 55  
*Winslow.*—Coll. 20, 38, ann. 2, 60 00  
*Winthrop.*—Ladies 44 29, ann. 2, 46 29  
*Kennebec Conference*, 40 82, 14 34, 55 16

\$992 27

## LINCOLN.

*Aina.*—Coll. 14, m. c. 5, don. 2, 21 00

*Bath, Winter-st.*—Female Soc.  
 141, L. M. 144 50, ann. 34,  
 coll. and don. 181 10, 500 60

*Bath, Central Ch.*—Fem. Soc.  
 34, L. M. 60, coll. and don.  
 273 60, 377 50

*Boothbay, (Harbor.)*—Coll., 878 10  
*Bristol.*—Coll. 6, don. 1, 11 42  
*Edgecomb.*—Coll., 7 00  
*Georgetown.*—Sewall Watson, 8 32  
*Lisbon.*—L. M., in part, 10, don. 9, 5 00  
*Newcastle, (Sheepscot.)*—Coll.  
 20, ann. 2, 22 00  
*(Damariscotta.)*—L.  
 M. 20, ann. 6, coll. 19 00  
 50 50, 76 50

*Phippsburg.*—Coll., 98 50  
*Rockland.*—Coll., 28 00  
*Thomaston.*—L. M. 15, don. 9, Fem.  
 Soc. 22 20, 32 61  
*Topsham.*—Coll., 56 20  
*Union.*—Coll. 13 86, 8, L. M. in p. 10, 22 00  
*Waldoboro'.*—Fem. Soc. 15 48, ann. 31 86  
 26, cont. and don. 27 48, L. M. 35, 193 96  
*Warren.*—Ann. 10, Ben. Soc. 22,  
 coll. and don. 20, 52 00  
*Wiscasset.*—L. M. 10, coll. 30, 40 00  
*Woolwich.*—Coll. 25, L. M. in pt. 5, 30 00

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## OXFORD.

*Andover.*—Fem. Ben. Soc., 10 00  
*Bethel, 1st Par.*—Coll. 10 11, Cent.  
 Soc. 10, L. M. 15, 35 11  
 " 2d Par.—Coll. 20, L. M.  
 20, 40 00  
*Gilead.*—Cont., 75 11  
*Norway, village.*—Coll. and don., 9 78  
*Oxford.*—L. M. 20, don. 4 65, 20 00  
*Rumford.*—Don. of sev. individ., 24 65  
*South Paris.*—Coll. 12 Sab. Sch. 8,  
 don. 20, 9 20  
*Summer and Hartford.*—Coll., 40 00  
*Turner.*—Mrs. Susan Greely, 7 00  
*Oxford Conference*, 2 00  
 13 33

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## PENOBSCOT.

*Bangor, 1st Par.*—L. M. 130,  
 sab. sch. 45, y'ng cir. 20,  
 coll. & don. 257 40, 462 40  
 " Ham. St.—L. M. 60,  
 sab. sch., 58 37, Coll.  
 and don. 263 83, 382 20  
 " Central—coll. & don. 82 00  
 926 60  
*Brewer, West.*—Coll. 12 75, L.  
 M. 100, 112 75  
 " village—L. M. in part, 5  
 117 75  
*Dedham.*—Coll. 27, don. 8, 35 00  
*Dixmont.*—Coll. 8 12, ann. 4, 12 12  
*Hampden.*—Coll. and don. 49, cent  
 soc. 15, L. M. 50, 114 00

|                                                |            |                                              |             |
|------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <i>Kenduskeag</i> —L. M. in part, 6, coll. 5,  | 11 00      | <i>Eastport</i> —2 L. M. by Cong. ch.,       | 42 00       |
| <i>Oldtown</i> —Coll. 10, la. & sab. sch. 20,  | 30 00      | <i>Lubec</i> —From sundry individuals,       | 7 00        |
| <i>Orono</i> —Coll. & don. 13 46, L. M. 20,    | 38 46      | <i>Machias</i> —L. M. 20, Fem. Soc. 40,      |             |
| <i>Orrington</i> —Coll. 25, sab. sch. 10,      | 35 00      | coll. 49 11,                                 | 100 11      |
|                                                | \$1,319 93 | “ <i>East</i> —Ch. and soc.,                 | 30 00       |
| <b>PISCATAQUIS.</b>                            |            | “ <i>port</i> —“                             | 6 00        |
| <i>Abbot</i> —Coll. 4, don. 1,                 | 5 00       | <i>Pembroke</i> —Don. 5, ch. and soc. 12,    | 17 00       |
| <i>Blanchard</i> —Coll.,                       | 8 00       | <i>Robbinston</i> —Ch. and soc.,             | 15 00       |
| <i>Brownville</i> —Coll. 25, Fem. Soc. 5,      |            | <i>Washington Conference</i> ,               | 34 14       |
| don. 3,                                        | 33 00      |                                              | \$357 75    |
| <i>Dexter</i> —Coll. 25, jewelry sold, 1 06    | 26 06      | <b>YORK.</b>                                 |             |
| <i>Dover and Foxcroft</i> —Coll. 46 39, 30,    | 76 39      | <i>Alfred</i> —L. M. 20, ch. & soc. 17 28,   | 37 28       |
| <i>Garland</i> —Coll. 10, 8 70,                | 18 70      | <i>Biddeford, East</i> —Ch. and soc.,        | 10 15       |
| <i>Milo</i> —Mrs. Metcalf,                     | 2 00       | “ <i>West</i> —Coll. 20, L. M. 40,           | 60 00       |
| <i>Monson</i> —Coll. 27 61, L. M. 15, ann.     |            | <i>Buxton, North</i> —Ch. & soc. 20, don. 2, | 22 00       |
| 2, Fem. Soc. 4,                                | 48 61      | <i>Kennebunk</i> —Don. 10, L. M. 40, coll.   |             |
| <i>Sangerville</i> —Coll.,                     | 5 10       | 30,                                          | 86 00       |
|                                                | \$222 77   | <i>Kennebunkport, 1st Par.</i> —Ch. and      |             |
| <b>SOMERSET.</b>                               |            | soc. for a L. M.,                            | 20 00       |
| <i>Anson, North</i> —Wm. Weston, to            |            | 2d Par.—L. M. 20,                            |             |
| complete a L. M.,                              | 15 00      | ch. and soc. 15,                             | 35 00       |
| “ <i>South</i> —Coll. 3, Cent Soc. 8,          | 11 00      | <i>Lebanon</i> —don. of 8 individuals,       | 30 00       |
| <i>Bingham</i> —Coll.,                         | 7 00       | <i>Limerick</i> —Coll. 11, don. 27,          | 38 00       |
| <i>Bloomfield</i> —Coll. 10 13, don. 5,        | 28 00      | <i>Limington</i> —Coll. 6 41, 10 68,         | 17 09       |
| <i>Fairfield</i> —Robert Atwood,               | 5 00       | <i>Parsonsfeld</i> —Dea. Sam'l Garland,      | 5 00        |
| <i>Madison</i> —Coll.,                         | 8 00       | <i>Saco</i> —Fem. Soc. 60, L. M. 30, coll.   |             |
| <i>Norridgewock</i> —Coll. 54, L. M. 20,       | 74 00      | and don. 109,                                | 199 00      |
| <i>Skowhegan</i> —Coll.,                       | 10 00      | <i>Sunford</i> —Coll. 13, 27,                | 40 00       |
| <i>Solon, South</i> —Coll.,                    | 4 00       | <i>South Berwick</i> —Coll. 75, L. M. 40,    |             |
| “ <i>village</i> —Coll.,                       | 3 00—7 00  | Sewing Circle 15,                            | 130 00      |
| <i>St. Albans</i> —Coll. 5 29, don. 4,         | 10 29      | <i>Wells, 1st Parish</i> —Coll. 13 86,       |             |
|                                                | \$175 29   | 10 64, L. M., in part, 5, 29 50              |             |
| <b>UNION.</b>                                  |            | “ 2d Parish.—Coll.,                          | 10 00       |
| <i>Albany</i> —ann.,                           | 2 00       | <i>York, 1st Parish</i> —Coll.,              | 56 50       |
| <i>Bridgton</i> —Don. 1 59, L. M., 20, 21 50   |            | “ 2d “ “                                     | 15 00       |
| “ <i>South</i> —Mrs. Ingalls, 5 00—26 50       |            |                                              | 71 50       |
| <i>Fryeburg</i> —L. M. 15, ch. & soc., 24,     | 39 00      | “ <i>Conference</i> , 7, 11 02,              | 18 02       |
| <i>Harrison</i> —Ch. & soc. 3, so. cir. 20,    | 23 00      |                                              | \$852 54    |
| <i>Lowell</i> —Ch. and soc.,                   | 5 00       | <b>Other States.</b>                         |             |
| <i>Otisfield</i> —Ann. 2, la. asso. 3, don. 2, | 7 00       | <i>Boston, Mass.</i> —H. H. Jones,           | 20 00       |
| <i>Sweden</i> —Ch. and soc.,                   | 6 00       | <i>Bridgewater, do.</i> —“ A friend of mis-  |             |
| <i>Waterford</i> —Fem. Soc. 17, con. 8,        |            | sions,”                                      | 2 00        |
| L. M. 40,                                      | 65 00      | <i>Charlestown, do.</i> —Rev. B. Tappan, jr. | 10 00       |
|                                                | \$173 50   | <i>Lowell, do.</i> —John Fiske,              | 20 00       |
| <b>WALDO.</b>                                  |            | <i>E. Marshfield, do.</i> —Rev. S. Clark,    | 10 00       |
| <i>Belfast</i> —Coll. 81 35, L. M. 35, 116 35  |            | <i>Newburyport, do.</i> —Wm. Thurston        |             |
| “ <i>North</i> —M. C. 20, coll. 5, 25 00       |            | and wife,                                    | 4 00        |
|                                                | 141 35     | <i>Bridgeport, Conn.</i> —Talmion C. Perry,  | 50 00       |
| <i>Brooks</i> —Don. from a lady,               | 50         | <i>New York, N. Y.</i> —A female friend,     | 8 00        |
| <i>Camden</i> —La. soc. 25 85, Gent. 25 65,    | 51 50      | <i>Williamsburg, N. Y.</i> —Capt. Snow,      | 2 00        |
| <i>Frankfort</i> —Ch. and soc.,                | 25 00      | <i>Washington, D. C.</i> —Miss Mary          |             |
| “ <i>Mills</i> —Ch. and soc., 23 50—48 50      |            | Cleaves,                                     | 30 00       |
| <i>Jackson</i> —Ch. and soc.,                  | 9 00       | <i>Kohala, Sandwich Isl.</i> —Church of      |             |
| <i>Knox</i> —L. M.,                            | 35 00      | which Rev. E. Bond, jr., is pastor,          | 10 00       |
| <i>Prospect</i> —Ch. and soc. 11 22, 2,        | 13 22      |                                              | \$166 00    |
| <i>Searsport</i> —Ch. and soc.,                | 58 00      | <b>Donors unknown,</b>                       |             |
| <i>Thorndike</i> —To complete a L. M.,         | 7 00       | Annual meeting at Searsport,                 | 121 31      |
|                                                | \$364 07   | Amount of donations, as above,               | 10,085 56   |
| <b>WASHINGTON.</b>                             |            | Legacies,                                    | 1,126 00    |
| <i>Cherryfield</i> —From several ladies,       | 5 00       |                                              | \$11,210 56 |
| <i>Cuba</i> —L. M. 20, don. 10, coll. 33 50,   |            |                                              |             |
| ladies' soc. 20,                               | 83 50      |                                              |             |

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